From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

We had another busy and productive week at Silvia. We continue to be proud of our amazing Silvia Stars as they persevere and grow both academically and socially and emotionally. In addition, we thank our families for being supportive, communicating at a high level, and providing constructive feedback as we continue to operate as a team.

Dr. Malone announced an extension related to the time we will remain in our current modified hybrid model. I know we all want our students back at Silvia as soon as possible. At the same time, I know we all want safety to be at the highest of our priorities - safety for our students, our families, and our staff. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

We are looking forward to a long weekend as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During this week and next, we will be doing a variety of activities and exercises related to Dr. King’s famous “I have a dream” speech. There is no better time than now, to instill in our children the importance of goal setting and coming together that Dr. King lived his life by. We need to continue to talk to our children about and support them with their short and long-term goals making sure they know the positive impact they can have on our community and our world.

Wishing the Silvia community a wonderful long weekend!

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Remain in Modified Hybrid Model:

Superintendent Malone emailed all families that based on data, we will remain in our current modified hybrid model. In his communication, he stated that it is unlikely that we will return to our full hybrid model before March 1, 2021. However, if the data allows, we will return sooner. In addition, the transition back to our full hybrid model could potentially be done in stages with K - 2 students returning first.

Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch:

We have Grab and Go breakfast and lunch every Tuesday and Friday from 10am to 12 and 4pm to 6. Families receive a week’s worth of breakfast and lunches. The location at Silvia is at the cafeteria doors. When facing Silvia, the location of the cafeteria doors is on the right side of the building. All are welcome. Please see the flyer below (pg. 3) for details and additional locations.

SILVIA STARS

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**Upcoming Dates/Events:**

- Monday, January 18, 2021 - NO SCHOOL in celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Friday, February 5, 2021, NO SCHOOL for students
- Please find our school calendar [HERE](#).

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**Instructional Resources Pick Up Schedule:**

With the announcement of an extension for the current modified hybrid model we are currently in, we will have additional pick up dates for at home instructional resources. **January 20th and February 3rd** will be used for resource pick up days. The schedule for both days is as follows:

- K and First Grade - 9:00 - 10:00
- Second and Third Grades - 10:00 - 11:00
- Fourth and Fifth Grades - 11:00 - 12:00

We will follow the same procedures as previous pick-up days. Tables will be outside of Silvia labeled with each teacher’s last name. Cars will pull up to the curb and wait for a staff member to signal for you to get out of your car. Masks must be worn and hands sanitized before collecting materials.

If your individual teacher does not have resources for you to pick up, they will communicate with their families prior to the pick-up dates. If you can not make the time and/or day, please communicate with the school and we can work out other arrangements.

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**Silvia Synonymizes:**

**Balanced Literacy**

Balanced Literacy is a framework designed to help all students learn to read and write effectively. The program stands firmly on the premise that all students can learn to read and write. This balance between reading and writing allows students to receive the individualized teaching appropriate to their strengths and needs in literacy.

Balanced Literacy is a model for teaching children in a student-centered classroom, based on the research of Marie Clay, Irene Fountas, and Gay Su Pinnell. Daily, children read and write independently and in a variety of group settings. Balanced Literacy classrooms focus on different types of reading experiences: read-aloud, shared reading, guided reading, reading conferences, and independent reading.

Students also participate in shared and individual writing activities each day. The types of writing experiences include shared writing, interactive writing, guided writing, writing conferences and independent writing.

Additionally, during many daily reading and writing experiences, students are engaged in word study. Listening and speaking are also emphasized in this integrated language approach.

Teachers implementing a Balanced Literacy instructional framework use an integrated approach to teaching language arts. This framework for literacy lessons consists of a number of elements that provide substantial amounts of reading and writing on a daily basis. Each day the workshop ends with an opportunity for students to share and reflect upon their learning.

These authentic opportunities for reading and writing are arranged on a continuum based on the gradual release of responsibility. Some reading and writing tasks are modeled by the teachers and others are accomplished with the support of the teacher, leading to those that are done independently by the child.

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REMOTE LEARNING
BREAKFAST & LUNCH

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
10AM-12PM & 4PM-6PM
AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
DURFEE
TALBOT
SILVIA
VIVEIROS
HENRY LORD
FONSECA

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