



The Silvia Spotlight



From the Principal:

We started the week off with a traditional snow day and then we were able to welcome back cohort C and cohort C/D students to in person learning. With Winter Break upon us, we look to inviting cohort D back to in person learning the week of February 22nd. All students did very well with our initial transition back to a hybrid model. Students in school followed safety protocols very well. Students in cohort D did an amazing job acting more independently as their schedules shifted. The Silvia staff continues to be flexible and innovative with what seems like an ever-changing backdrop for teaching and learning. Families continue to be supportive and communicate well which results in a true team approach to the education of our students. Awesome work Silvia community!!

This edition of the Spotlight has some important information relative to cohort D's return to in person learning. Included in that is our arrival reminders that if followed will make drop off as safe as possible and assure all students can get to their classrooms on time for the start of school.

Thank you to all of our students and staff who participated in "Teacher-Student Swap Day." There was a lot of creative thinking that went into the attire for the day. We had students dressed for success when it comes to being high quality educators. We had staff dressed with Silvia gear, comfortable pants, and sneakers looking like Silvia Stars ready for a day of learning. We look forward to celebrating this dress down day again on February 26th.

We want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Winter Break! See you on Monday, February 22nd - whether it be in person or virtually!

Pivot Back to Hybrid Learning Dates to be Aware of:

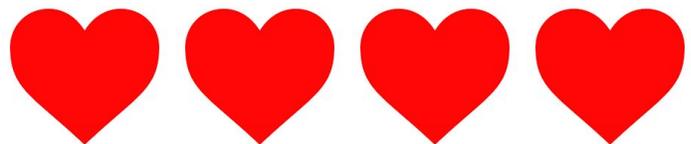
The week of February 15, 2021 all students and staff have no school due to winter break.

Week of February 22, 2021:

- Cohort D students return to in-person learning for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort C/D students return to in-person learning for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort C students are remote learning model for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort A students remain in-person learning for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort B remains full remote learning
- All cohorts are remote learning on Wednesday

Week of March 1, 2021:

- Cohort C students return to in-person learning for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort C/D students return to in-person learning for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort D students are remote learning model for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort A students remain in-person learning for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Cohort B remains full remote learning
- All cohorts are remote learning on Wednesday



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Arrival Reminders for Drop-Offs:

These procedures are in place to ensure safety and to support all students with getting to school on time. The below listed reminders are not our arrival procedures in total (found [HERE](#)) but are listed as areas of improvement. I know we can all work together to make sure we are doing what is in the best interest of our students.

1. Please have students ready to exit the car **BEFORE** you pull up to the curb. Typically, you have time waiting in line to have students prepare to exit the car.
2. Please do **NOT** get out of your car. If you have a child lock, then ask a staff member to open the door. Some parents are getting out of the car with their child(ren) and then on the sidewalk preparing them to walk into the school. This takes up too much time and potentially is causing other students to lose time on learning.
3. Pull all the way up to the stop sign in front of Silvia School. Some families are stopping at the entrance door and as a result preventing five or six cars from having students exit their cars.
4. Do **NOT** pull around cars passing them on your right.
5. When your child exits your car, and cars begin to pull away, please do the same. There are staff members present to support your child with getting into the building safely.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Again, I am confident that we can all work together to support our students.

Silvia Summer Academy and Enrichment:

Since March 2020, we have been without full-time in-person school for all students. As a result, and with many other factors associated with COVID-19, students have experienced learning loss. This has been and will continue to be on the forefront of our minds as we seek out opportunities for students to close gaps and be exposed to both academic and social and emotional learning.

We are currently applying for a grant through the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education that would provide funding for a Summer Academy and Enrichment. One step in the process of creating such an opportunity would be to gain data on family interest. Upon returning from Winter Break, I will be presenting a survey to families to collect this data. In addition, I will present what the summer academy and enrichment will look like to give families a good idea of what to expect relative to time commitment and structure of the program. Please take the time to fill out the survey so we have data to inform decisions.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- February 15 - 19, 2021 is Winter Vacation - NO SCHOOL



- Please find our school calendar [HERE](#).

District-Wide Gratitude Dress Down Days:

As we continue to focus on the theme of GRATITUDE, the district had a dress down day today, February 12 and will have another one on Friday, February 26th. Please see the flyer below (page 4) for details.

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Mrs. Carvalho and Ms. MacDonald's Third Grade Classrooms Bundled Up and had a Brain Break in the Snow

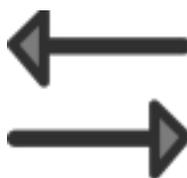


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Fall River Public Schools Teacher-Student Swap Day

*Friday, February 12th and
Friday, February 26th*



CELEBRATING OUR CHOOSE LOVE TRAIT OF
GRATITUDE

- Teachers and staff are invited to dress like students-
- Students are invited to dress like teachers/staff-

BECAUSE WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ONE ANOTHER!!



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