From the Principal:

After the long holiday weekend, our Silvia students and staff came back to hit the ground running on this four day week. Teachers continue to support students with routines and rituals and, at the same time, getting to know each other. Students continue to work hard as they meet the expectations of a new school year.

On Tuesday, September 7th we welcomed our PreK students to the 2021-2022 school year. On Friday, September 10th we welcomed our Kindergarten students to the new school year. Thank you to our PreK and K teachers for all their amazing work related to welcoming our youngest students to Silvia. In addition, thank you PreK and K families for all of your support - both for your children and our school.

On Tuesday, August 31st, the Silvia Staff was lucky enough to have Mr. Steve Pemberton speak to us to open up our school year. Please find more information on Mr. Pemberton in this edition of the Spirit.

We hope all enjoy the weekend and we look forward to our first full week of the year next week!

Silvia STAR Behavior Matrix:

At Silvia School, we work to be as consistent a team as possible. One tool we use is a behavior matrix. The matrix gives staff and students a clear and consistent set of expectations that go beyond just the classroom. We have updated our matrix this year to address both COVID related safety precautions and remote learning.

We use our Silvia School Creed to set overarching behavioral expectations. At Silvia School, we expect students to Stay Safe, Treat others with Kindness, Always do their Best, and Respect themselves, others and our school. Our matrix then explicitly addresses what this looks like throughout areas of the building and when on a remote learning platform.

The matrix is also accompanied with lesson plans that teachers use to explicitly teach our students how to be a “Silvia Star” when it comes to behavior.

We recommend you look over our matrix HERE and talk to your child about the expectations. This will go towards building stronger home-school connections and supporting your child(ren) with being successful at school.

Kindergarten Orientation:

We had a successful Kindergarten Orientation night on Wednesday, September 8th. Thank you to those families who joined us. The PowerPoint from Kindergarten Orientation was emailed home to all K families as a resource.

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Steve Pemberton Visits with Silvia Staff:

On Tuesday, August 31st, the Silvia Staff was lucky enough to have Mr. Steve Pemberton speak to us to open up our school year. Steve Pemberton’s story is about defying seemingly insurmountable odds to become a trail-blazing corporate executive, enlightened diversity leader, visionary youth advocate, and acclaimed speaker. His best-selling memoir, A Chance in the World, recounts his triumphant life journey and drive to become a man of resilience, determination and vision. Now an upcoming major motion picture, A Chance in the World further amplifies Steve’s highly motivational messages: Believe in your dreams, rise above obstacles, create opportunities for others, and most of all, persevere.

His books are highly recommended!!

Parent Handbook:

- The Silvia Parent Handbook was emailed home to families. It is also posted on our Silvia Website found HERE.

- Please review the handbook (HERE) as it is a wealth of important information.

Arrival Procedures:

All in all, arrival is going very well. A few reminders to help with safety and efficiency.

- Pull all the way up to the stop sign at the very end of the building to drop off.
- Only students need to exit cars.

Thank you!

WELCOME TO OUR SILVIA SCHOOL KINDERGARTNERS!

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All students in grades K-5 are required to wear Silvia School "spirit wear" every day.

**Spirit Wear**

- Tops: White, Kelly Green or Royal Blue
- Bottoms: Black, Navy Blue or Khaki (no yoga pants or leggings) Bottoms must be solid in color.

Please note that students are only permitted to wear sweaters/sweatshirts in school that are white, royal blue, or kelly green. All sweaters and sweatshirts should be labeled with your child’s name.

- Shoes: No heels or closed toe (no sandals)
- Iron-on logos can be purchased in the main office for .50 each
- Silvia Gear Available for Purchase in the main office (cash or check only)

**T-Shirt Form**

**Sweatshirts and Sweatpants Form**

Short sleeved t-shirts and zip-up sweatshirts can be purchased at the official uniform provider for the Fall River Public Schools:

J&B Hockey located at 162 President Ave Fall River, MA

It is the policy of the Frank M. Silvia School that all students in Kindergarten to grade 5 will wear School Spirit Wear. School Spirit Wear is limited to the required clothing, as adopted by the Fall River School Committee in 2009.

**Parental Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten through grade 5 at the Frank M. Silvia School to ensure that their child dress in accordance with the School Spirit wear policy. This will ensure a conducive learning environment for all students as well as discourage competition of various styles and brands. Uniformity for all students will cause less distraction, keep a focus on learning, and establish a safe environment at the Silvia School.

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