From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

This week found us in a reduced in-person learning model. This model will continue through December 23, 2020. A decision about what learning will look like on January 4, 2021 and beyond has yet to be made. The decision connected to our model will come from Superintendent Malone and will be based on data relative to COVID-19 cases and spread.

Although we had some hiccups as we made the transition to reduced in-person learning, overall I want to complement the students, educators, and families on a job well done. As a reminder, all students are expected to participate in daily schedules set by teachers that follow our school hours of 7:40 am - 1:57 pm. Students in cohort A and B continue to learn as they have since the opening of school. Students in cohorts C and D are engaged in remote learning every day of the week. This includes direct instruction, small group work, independent work, lunch and recess break, and specialists blocks. It is imperative that you set your child up for success by securing an appropriate place for him/her to learn. In addition, if your child attends a community service center during the school day, please make sure that agency has all needed information for your child to log on and participate successfully.

One of my highlights this past week was to visit some classrooms remotely to conduct read alouds. Thank you to Ms. DeMoura, Ms. Carvalho, Ms. Taylor and Ms. MacDonald’s classes for having me this week - we had a lot of fun! I will continue to do visits through the next week and a half.

Wishing all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

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.

FRPS Food Distribution:

Every Wednesday, starting at 10:00 AM and until supplies run out, at Durfee’s Ray Street Parking Lot, there is food distribution. One 32 pound box with fresh produce, dairy, meat, and soups. Open to all.
Effective Two-Way Home-School Communication:

At Silvia, we continuously try to improve in the area of effective two-way home-school communication. It is more imperative now than ever, that school and home are communicating at a high level. To support with this, please see some tips below:

- If there is a concern, question, feedback, or praise you want to share with your child’s teacher, please do NOT attempt to do this during remote learning. It is best to send a message to your teacher and then he/she can follow up with you.
- When calling the school, if you are sent to voicemail, please leave your full name, child’s name, and a reference to what the call is concerning. If we do not have this information it is a challenge, and in some cases impossible, to know who to direct our return call to.
- When emailing a staff member, please leave your name and child’s name within the content of the email.

Parent Teacher Conferences and Report Cards:

Parent-teacher conferences are taking place on December 16th and 17th. Please use this time to connect with your child(ren)’s teacher and get updated on your child(ren)’s present level of performance. Teachers have communicated how to sign up for a conference. Trimester one report cards will be distributed the week of January 4, 2020.

Silvia Synonymizes:

Inquiry Based Learning

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn." - Ben Franklin

Inquiry-based learning starts by posing questions, problems or scenarios—rather than simply presenting established facts or portraying a smooth path to knowledge. The process is often assisted by a facilitator. The instructor guides and mentors students through an adventure in discovery.

For an overview and a video of inquiry in action click HERE.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Monday, December 7, 2020 - Wednesday, December 23, 2020, FRPS makes a shift to reduced in-person learning.
- Wednesday, December 16, 2020 and Thursday, December 17, 2020 are Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- Wednesday, December 23, 2020 is a half-day.
- Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Sunday, January 3, 2021 is School Vacation.
- Please find our school calendar HERE.

Teacher Webpages:

Many of our teachers have set up webpages to support with communication and remote learning. These sites offer a wealth of resources. Please check them out on the Silvia site under the “Academics” tab or by clicking HERE.
FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REMOTE LEARNING
BREAKFAST & LUNCH

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
10AM-12PM & 4PM-6PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
DURFEE
TALBOT
SILVIA
VIVEIROS
HENRY LORD
FONSECA

GRAB & GO

SILVIA STARs
Stay safe * Treat others with kindness * Always do your best * Respect yourself, others, and the school