From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

First and foremost, I want to wish the entire Silvia community a Happy New Year. I hope all were able to enjoy some downtime over the December vacation. We hit the ground running in 2021 as our students and staff returned to a reduced in-person learning model. We continue to be amazed by the resiliency of our students and we continue to applaud them for their efforts as they grow both academically and socially and emotionally.

As we continue to collaborate with each other at a high level, please be aware that communication is key when it comes to the proper sharing of information. In this edition of The Spotlight, please find a section on how to handle communicating with the school if your household has been affected by COVID-19. The messaging is directed at cohort C and cohort D, but it is good information for all families to be aware of.

We continue to put our staff and students’ safety at the top of our priorities. As can be expected, we have had more staff absences than normal and we want to thank families for being flexible. If your child’s teacher is absent, typically we will assign a support staff member to that classroom. The staff member will run Morning Meeting, take attendance and then set the class up with the schedule and workload for the day. The expectation is that students continue to engage in remote learning and work completion even if their teacher is absent. If your child’s teacher is absent, and you need to communicate immediately, please call the Silvia office. Otherwise, please allow teachers the time needed to return to work in order to reply.

Wishing all a wonderful weekend!

Messaging About Attendance for Cohorts C and D

As we continue in a reduced in-person model, it is vital that we continue to communicate about attendance related topics. As we have communicated throughout the shift to remote learning, we want to replicate in-person learning at much as possible. We can apply that to attendance as well. Please see the bulleted notes below to support with steps to take relative to attendance and remote learning.

- If someone in the household, besides the student, has tested positive for COVID-19, this should not affect student attendance when it comes to remote learning. Students are required to attend school even if a household member has tested positive.

- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the school just as you would if a child was sick for in-person learning. However, if a student tests positive and has no symptoms we recommend that student still participates in virtual learning. If a student is sick, and can’t participate, you need to report that to the school for attendance purposes.

Please know that the school has no way of knowing if a student or a household member has tested positive for COVID-19 unless the school is notified by a household member.

All communication to the school should be done by calling Silvia School at 508-675-9811 or by emailing our school nurse, Ms. Robin Borges, at rborges@fallriverschools.org.

As always, thank you for your continued support and communication.

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"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis

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