



Message from the Superintendent Friday, November 20, 2020

A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the week of Thanksgiving, I want to again express my gratitude for your partnership as we progress through this school year. So many things in our lives have been challenging over the past eight months as we have lived, worked and participated in school during the pandemic. At the same time I know there have been many unexpected silver linings for families during this time and I've enjoyed hearing how many people have found a sense of gratitude in discovering the simple things that really matter the most to them, such as spending more time with their families. I, like many people, struggle with work-life balance and I found that during shelter-in-place I truly enjoyed more family time with my dear husband and facetimeing with my daughter and extended family. These are things that I would only have done previously when I had the "time". I think the pandemic has humbled us all a bit and helped us focus on what is truly important in our lives.

I wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving recess creating new traditions that can be carried into our post-pandemic future.

Important Schedule Reminder:

Please remember that we will be in a distance learning model the week after Thanksgiving as an added precaution to ensure our schools can open safely and remain open. As previously shared, we **strongly** suggest that if families travel or attend gatherings, they return home for the full week of distance learning so they can self-quarantine in our community and be tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to in-person instruction. COVID-19 testing will be available December 1-3 at our school sites for District staff and families. You can find additional information on this testing opportunity [here](#).

If Your Child Tests Positive for COVID-19:

To ensure that we can continue to keep our school campuses safe and open, we need to be kept aware if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over the

Thanksgiving recess. We will need to communicate with families if their child may have been exposed to COVID-19. Please email your school office personnel with the subject line of **Positive COVID Test**.

- Reed – Isabelle Moattar at imoattar@reedschools.org and/or call 415.435.7840 x1002
- Bel Aire – Lora Nazarian at lnazarian@reedschools.org and/or call 415.559.8112
- Del Mar – Laura Kristy at lkristy@reedschools.org and/or call 415.435.1468 ext. 0

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Have questions or comments?

Click on the **Parent Feedback Form** [here](#). This link provides an easy way to ask questions or make comments that will inform content of future newsletters and provide feedback on areas that are working well or not so well as we move through the current school year during the global pandemic. We will continue to use this link when things resume to “normal” in the future. A few of our District Communications Committee members will regularly check this link for new questions and comments and will be able to help respond to questions promptly.

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