



Dear Parents,

I've been at school a couple of times this week and was imagining the sounds of kids in our hallways again. There is nothing better than young artists painting purple bugs and orange flowers and seeing the science experiments of our budding scientists. Mathematicians of all ages will solve challenging problems. And our writers ... they will be writing amazing stories they will share with their kids about the extraordinary year that was 2020.

Lesley Ellis took steps early to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. As we come back together this fall our school has adopted [new policies and practices](#) aimed at keeping us as safe and healthy as possible even amid these uncertain times. Our COVID-19 practices include daily health and travel screening for all students and staff; restricted entrance to the building; grouping students in small cohorts; minimizing the number of adults interacting with each small group; regular and frequent sanitizing; increased hand hygiene; physical distancing; requiring masks of all students Kindergarten through Grade 8 and all faculty; and strongly recommending masks in early childhood classrooms. We will continually follow the science and adapt and adopt new practices as we learn more. Of course, we cannot guarantee that anyone who enters our school won't get the virus. But if we all, every single one of us, shares best practices at work, at home, and at school, we can create the safest environment possible.

[Flu Vaccine News](#)

Yesterday the state came out with new flu vaccine guidelines for students. All students are required to get the flu vaccine prior to December 31, 2020. We recommend getting your child's flu vaccine as soon as possible through your pediatrician or other health care provider rather than waiting until later in the calendar year.

Upcoming Chats

Our school nurse, Kelsey Riley, and I will be available at the following dates and times for conversation about our COVID policies and procedures.

Early Childhood Parents, Tuesday, August 25, 8:00 am

[Early Childhood Parents Zoom link](#)

Elementary Parents, Monday, August 24, 4:00 pm

[Elementary Parents Zoom link](#)

Middle School Parents, Monday, August 24, 8:00 am

[Middle School Parents Zoom link](#)

Remember. We are Lesley Ellis. We can do this.

Warmly,

Deanne