



SUPPORTING OUR STAFF:

To create an environment where our teachers and staff are supported and encouraged not to come to school if they are not feeling well, we are implementing a more flexible paid sick leave policy for this year. Teachers who are out but well enough to teach virtually will zoom into their classrooms while their classes are managed by an in-person facilitator.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

The success of an in-person opening plan is reliant on this layered protection strategy, but the plan can only be successful with true partnership from our parents. When we as a community take the step of having in-person school during this pandemic, we are by definition taking on a responsibility for the health and safety of our fellow community members.

- 1.** Complete the daily screening for each child with honest reporting of symptoms and potential exposures.
- 2.** Parents must report suspected and confirmed COVID-19 exposures.
- 3.** Do NOT give your child fever-reducing medication (e.g.: Tylenol, Motrin) on a school morning for any reason. If you feel your child may need medication during the day, you must keep your child home and contact your doctor.
- 4.** Eligibility for return to school will be determined using the Maryland Department of Health decision tree, and may sometimes warrant direct consultation with the Montgomery County Department of Health and our Medical Team. Parents must work with our School Nurse to gain clearance to return to school after a child exhibits any symptoms or has any exposures.
- 5.** Availability: Parents or a backup caregiver are expected to be available to pick up a student from school within 45 minutes notice.
- 6.** Parents' partnership is key in supporting our children's understanding of and motivation to adhere to mask wearing, distancing, and hand hygiene in school. **Parents must join us in supporting the importance of these precautions, habituating children to mask wearing, and promoting healthy habits.**