January 1, 2022

Happy Holidays Woodlands Families,

We hope you have been spending important time with your loved ones during this holiday break. We have a few updates for you prior to our student return to campus on Tuesday, January 4th,

COVID Update
We are watching the daily updates of the impact of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. We have not adjusted any of our COVID-19 protocols at this time. We will continue to watch and listen for the specific guidance from the Milwaukee Health Department. We will continue with our quarantine procedures as outlined in the Covid Protocols for Woodlands School, Inc. **We will continue providing in-person instruction to all students except those that have been quarantined.**

COVID-19 Testing
As a part of our efforts to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all, we will be testing all staff for COVID-19 on Monday, Jan. 3rd during our staff day.

We are asking all families to consider having their students tested for COVID-19 prior to their return to school on Jan. 4th. You can do this testing on your own or consider registering your students for onsite COVID-19 testing that is available at each of our campuses. Please complete the registration for each child separately using the link below for your child to be eligible for testing. Testing occurs everyday in the morning at each campus. Once the student is registered,on any day, parents can send a written note to the school to ask that their child be tested. If the child is registered, the child will be tested.

Link to **Register Students** for diagnostic COVID-19 (SARS-CoV2) Testing at School

Bluemound families please use org code 5510 when filling out the registration form
State Street families, please use org code 3121 when filling out the registration form

Please remember to notify the school through the classroom teacher if you would like to have your student tested at school upon their return on Tuesday.

Vaccination
As a part of our layered prevention strategies, we encourage all parents to get their students vaccinated for COVID-19. Students as young as age five are now eligible to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Student Expectations and Behavioral Support Training for Staff
On Monday, January 3, 2022, all staff will participate in a training session with clinical child psychologist and author Dr. Ross Greene. Dr. Greene has written books such as The Explosive Child and Lost at School: Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges are Falling Through the Cracks and How We can Help Them. Please click here to read more about Dr. Greene's work.

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Behavior Analyst Update
Our Behavior Analyst, Ms. Dwyer has been working with staff from both campuses to develop behavior plans for students and to support students in need in our classrooms. She will continue to spend time at each campus working with staff to help our students during these difficult times. Ms. Dwyer has been with us since Dec. 1st.

Student Expectations
Woodlands staff from across two campuses have reviewed and given feedback on student expectations. A number of documents have been developed to use with students. Staff will be working to finalize the documents within the next two weeks. The expectation is to have a document to share with our community this month.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum for Students
A cross-campus team of staff have begun reviewing SEL programs in order to select a program for Woodlands for implementation in classrooms in January 2022. More details will be shared with the community once a program has been selected.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Woodlands School community. We have a strong and proud past and a bright and exciting future!

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