

Director's Newsletter

November 2020



When we give cheerfully and accept gracefully,
everyone is blessed ~Maya Angelou

Dear Parents,

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, we thank you for sharing your children with us. It is wonderful to witness the teachers and children developing relationships with each other and their peers, the children's growing confidence and how comfortable they have become with their classroom routines.

Mandates are ever changing with regards to class size. Most recently we received notice from the Department of Social Services that we "could" increase class sizes beyond 10. After careful consideration, we have elected to consider slowly increasing class size based on community need but not to reach allowable maximums.

Our priority continues to be the well-being of both our families and staff. We will maintain the same health and wellness guidelines that have allowed us to have a healthy start to the school year. We strive to hold your continued trust.

As always, please be in touch at anytime with questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,
Kim Dunaway

Illness:

This is the season where we expect to see an increase of allergies, colds, and possible flu. As we are finding out, flu and Covid have similar symptoms.

If you are questioning if your child should stay at home, please err on the side of caution, and keep them home. I have included the algorithm provided by VDH that we use as our guidance.

If you or your child has been exposed, has a positive test, or a presumptive positive, you must quarantine and notify the school.

We are trusting our families to keep us informed in a timely manner, so we can keep our school community healthy.

Carline: Please remember to turn right on All Saints Place, park in the cul-de-sac and buckle your child in. Please do not turn left and park on side of road. We want to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

DATES:

November 2nd and 5th: School Spirit Day: wear St. Matthew's T-shirt!

November 3rd and 4th: Picture Day
11/3: Ms. Maynard, Ms. McCaw, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Sporysz
11/4: Ms. Coleman, Ms. Ward, Ms. Sporysz, Ms. Ellison

November 11th: CLOSED in observance of Veteran's Day.

November 25th -27th: Day School will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER THANKFULNESS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>What's something in music you're thankful for?</i>	3 <i>What's a place you are thankful for?</i>	4 <i>What's something on the playground you're thankful for?</i>	5 What season are you thankful for and why?	6 Make and Deliver a thank you card to your teacher
9 <i>What's a book you're thankful for?</i>	10 Which friend are you thankful for?	11 <i>What's a food you are thankful for?</i>	12 What skill are you thankful for?	13 <i>What's a game you are thankful for?</i>
16 What song are you thankful for?	17 What is something in nature that you are thankful for?	18 What is an emotion/feeling you are thankful for?	19 What place in your classroom are you thankful for?	20 What color are you thankful for?
23 Tell someone you are thankful for them	24 Smile at everyone you see today	25 Make and Deliver a thank you card to a Fire Station or Police Station	26 What are you thankful for today? <i>HAPPY Thanksgiving</i>	27 Say Thank you!
30 Clean up a mess you did not make	1	2	3	4

Food Collection

Each year we participate in a food drive that supports the ACTS food pantry. If you and your child would like to contribute to help families in need, we will be collecting canned goods and other nonperishable food items in our classrooms for delivery to ACTS. The collection will run through Friday November 20th.



For your
Calendar

11/2 and 11/5
Spirit Day

11/3 and 11/4
Picture Day

11/11
No School

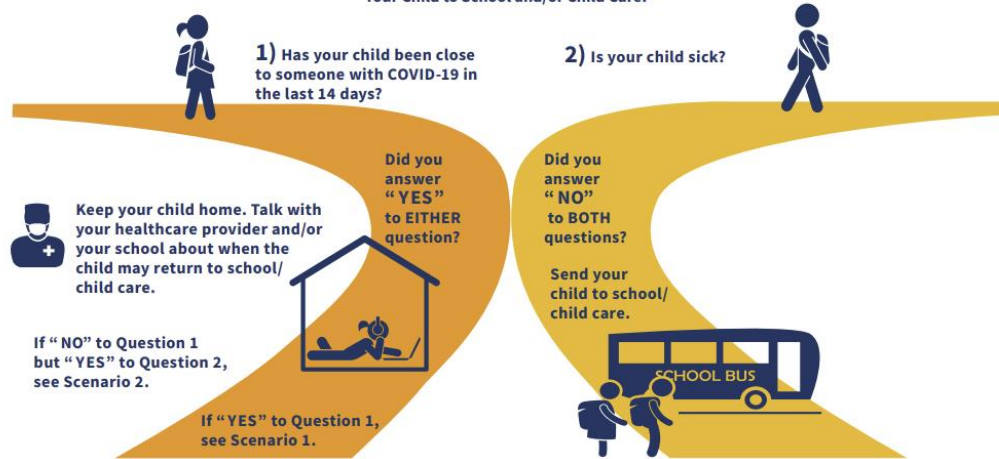
11/25-27
No School:
Thanksgiving

12/21-1/1
Christmas Break

For Parents and Guardians

When Can I Send My Child to School and/or Child Care?

Answer These Two Questions Every Day Before Sending Your Child to School and/or Child Care:



www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/24/2020/08/Evaluating-Symptoms-in-a-Child.pdf

VDH Algorithm for Evaluating a Child with COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure – For Separate Audiences APPENDIX
Scenarios for Evaluating a Child Based on COVID-19 Exposure

Child Has Been Exposed to COVID-19

Scenario 1

A negative test for COVID-19 does not change these recommendations.

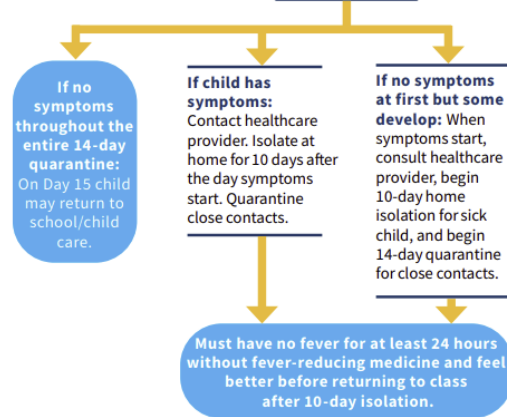


The child has been close to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days



The child must stay home.

'Close to someone with COVID-19' means being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes, or having direct contact with secretions.



Child Has Not Been Exposed to COVID-19

Scenario 2

