Good Wednesday morning all:

And we are on day 3 of full days at school. Still a work in progress but it is so great to see our students and hear the energy in the building. Love it!

A couple reminders, tips/tricks:

1.  For parents/guardians, general public we are still restricting access to the building. If you need to come into the school for any reasons please call the office and make an appointment.  Once an appointment is established then please enter through the front door - with a mask on - and proceed straight to the office. The office is right in front of you as you come up the stairs.  There is a table with hand sanitizer - please use the hand sanitizer.  Both secretaries are Karen so you have 100% chance of getting it right when you come to the office and ask for a Karen.

2.  At this time we are not accepting lunches, or any other items being dropped off for students. If your child has forgotten a lunch or other items they will just have to get through the day without. You can call the office and let us know your child has forgotten a lunch and we will connect with them to offer some small snack items we keep on hand. If this procedure changes, we will let you know. Water bottle filling stations are only available for water bottle refills. There are no water fountains available for drinking from.  Great idea to have a water bottle for your child and PLEASE make sure their name is marked on the bottle.  Oh my goodness last year we had dozens and dozens (and dozens!) of water bottles land in the lost and found which we had to eventually dispose of because we could not connect them back to their owners.

3. If your child is arriving late then they must enter through the front door and check into the office before going to class.

4. Children should arrive no more than 15 minutes before start time and once dismissed are encouraged to go directly home.

5. And I know you are probably hearing this all the time but please be sure to do the daily health check at home before sending your child to school. If there is any sign of illness do not send your child to school. The District Health check that is done online is only done once however a regular daily health check is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to done at home each morning before school.  A paper copy was sent home to maybe put on your fridge as a reminder.

6. Once we are through this smokey air quality issue our students will be spending a great deal of time outdoors, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather of the day. Today we have set up some canopies that will help with outdoor activities.

And with that ...until next time...take care

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