

# NORTH BORDER SCHOOL DISTRICT #100

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Dear North Border Walhalla Families:

Here are some updates for you as we end another week of learning here at Walhalla Elementary. We are seeing more and more students returning to face to face learning, and it is so great to see our kids here on a daily basis again!

## **Student Wellness and Safety**

Most of you know we are now recommending masks in any setting that distancing is not possible. Morning recess is back on, with a rotating schedule for K-3 and 4-6 students. Students had been grouped by class for about ten days on the playground, but we have returned to K-3 and 4-6 group cohorts for recess at this time. If we need to be indoors, each group will have their own turn in the gym. The rationale here is outdoor is less risky than indoor, and kids need to be able to play by interest rather than by grade if at all possible. If you have any questions, we have a detailed procedure sheet we use here with the staff and I am happy to share that with any of you who ask. We are doing our best to keep all of our kids healthy, safe, and learning and we appreciate the trust you put in us to take care of your kiddos!!

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Due to the ongoing precautions we must take due to Covid-19, we will be doing VIRTUAL parent teacher conferences this year. **They will take place the week of October 26-29**. Your student's teacher will be reaching out to schedule a time to virtually meet during that week. Teachers will be able to either telephone conference or send a Zoom meeting link to you.

## **Kids out sick versus entire class**

To minimize stress on the teachers and students who are legitimately quarantined--our learning plan states that those who are in isolation or quarantine will be sent assignments as if they were out sick. If the teacher or the entire class is out, then we shift into our distance learning model.

Additionally, students who are being kept out as a parent choice will need to make a decision by next **Thursday, October 15** for quarter two if they are attending the Readitech Virtual Academy--or will be in school face to face. Students not in school will be counted absent.

## **Picture Retakes**

If you missed out on school photos in September, Rock Tweten will be back here on October 29 at 9:30 a.m. Picture forms were sent home to each family, but extras will be available next week at the school if you still need one.

Have a great weekend and stay healthy!

Nick Amb  
Elementary Principal

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