

August 17, 2020

Greeting ACES Families,

Only three days left until the 2020-2021 school year officially begins on August 20!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our Yorkville Foxes back to school. Whether your child(ren) are participating in school on-site, through e-learning, or in a hybrid schedule, the ACES employees remain united in our goal to provide all our students with the knowledge, structure, and support they need to succeed this school year.

While many aspects of the school environment will be different this year, the following guidelines apply to all our families:

- The school day at ACES starts at 8:35 AM and ends at 3:35 PM.
- My primary communication to families will be through a Friday email/e-newsletter. Please make sure your contact information is kept up-to-date with the school so that you receive these important messages. These communications will also be posted to our school website (www.y115.org/aces) for your reference.
- Students are expected to participate in their classes everyday school is in session, and teachers will report class attendance. Please call the student absence line 630.553.4048 by 9:00 AM, if your child will not be attending school classes that day.
- The spring 2020 parent survey results overwhelmingly requested consistent and streamlined modes of communication from school to home. Therefore, one learning platform was selected for each grade-level span. The following platforms will be used for the 2020-2021 school year by teachers to communicate to parents:
 - SeeSaw: Kindergarten - Grade 2
 - Google Classroom - Grades 3-6
 - Canvas: Grades 7-12
- Full day in-person students will be able to purchase lunch options daily. Students are encourage to use refillable water bottles.
- Anyone who wishes to enter the school building must complete a health questionnaire (results showing he/she is symptom free) and wear a face covering.
- All students and adults need to wear a mask. Please click on link to learn about appropriate mask wearing and how to care for mask from the CDC: [Mask Information from CDC](#)
- Students will be handwashing frequently during the school day. We encourage parents to practice appropriate hand washing at home. Here is a video you can watch and practice with at home with your child: [Kindergarten - 3rd Grade](#)
- Arrival and Drop-off procedures - Below are maps of our pick-up and drop-off procedures for AM/Mid-day/PM. Please ensure to review. We have made changes based on students needing to self-certify and to maintain appropriate social distancing. [ACES Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures 2020-2021](#)
- School buses will be back on the roads traveling throughout the community. Please remember to obey bus stop arm laws. Drivers must stop at least 20 feet from any school bus that is stopped and is flashing its red warning lights. Violators can face a \$300 fine and a 3-month license suspension for the first offense, and \$1,000 fine and

a 1-year license suspension for a second offense.

- E-learning Update:

1. Weekly Special Class:

Thank you for selecting your child's e-learning special for this quarter. This special will occur once a week for 30 minutes. These lessons will include either live Zoom or pre-recorded videos that include a follow up activity. This instruction will begin on September 1st. This start date will ensure your child has time to smoothly transition into this model and become familiar with the academic schedule and routines (i.e. new learning platform, submitting assignments, logging into math/reading Zooms). The district special teacher will share more information soon. PE: Your child will use a choice board to track and log 25 minutes of physical activity at home 5 days a week. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st. If you have not selected the specials class you would like, please complete [THIS](#) survey as soon as possible.

2. Hybrid Update:

PE: Recess in the half day model will count as part of your child's daily PE physical activity requirement. Your child will use a choice board to track and log ONE additional 25 minute physical activity at home. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.

This school year, Mrs. Hafenrichter and I created a video to provide you a look inside of ACES that show new safety measures and procedures in place throughout the building. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rq2Kc4Miefq>

As this learning environment is new for us all, I encourage our students and parents to communicate with me regarding any concerns or suggestions you have to improve our school community. I also encourage you to become an active member of the ACES family—follow us on social media (@115aces), participate in PTO activities, and recognize our dedicated employees and incredible students with positive thoughts and messages.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday, August 20.

With Pride,
Elisa Maldonado
Principal