

Fox Prairie Enews

October 31, 2020

Dear Families,

It was nice to see a lot of faces this week for school pictures. Have a happy and safe Halloween! And don't forget to turn the clocks back!

See you on Monday (virtually)!

Mrs. Rogers and the Fox Prairie Staff

Grades K-2 Reopening: In-Person Vikings starts on Monday, November 16; Virtual Vikings continue

After a Board Meeting on Thursday, October 29, our K-2 families now have the choice to attend school in person starting November 16. Families may also choose to continue learning virtually.

- Starting November 16, there will be two cohorts (groups) of students – our In-Person Vikings and our Virtual Vikings.
- In-Person Vikings will attend school Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
 - In-Person Vikings who receive lunches at home right now will continue to receive lunches at school.
 - In-Person Vikings who do not currently receive lunches at home, but wish to have breakfast and lunch at school starting November 16, must sign up. We will have more information about signing up next week.
- In-Person Vikings will be required to wear masks, and socially distance as much as possible.
- We are offering transportation to eligible riders. There will be assigned seats. If families have the means to do so, we highly encourage student drop off to reduce the number of kids on our buses.
- Virtual learning will remain an option for families who feel it is best for their student during this time. Our staff to student ratio varies between 1 adult to 8 students and 1 adult to 13 students. Student schedules remain largely the same, as does curriculum and expectations.

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We are asking ALL of our families with students in kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade to make a selection for November 16. Please fill out our 2-question form [HERE](#) by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 4 p.m. Families who do not fill out our form by this time will be called.

We will provide you with all the details in the next two weeks. Please watch your inbox.

School Pictures

As a reminder, all communications and reminders about school pictures will come directly from the District. Please disregard any communications you have received from our school picture vendor, Lifetouch. Earlier this week we successfully provided an opportunity for students grades 1-5 to have school pictures taken. We will begin our focus on grades 6-12 soon as well as retakes for the elementary grades. Thank you for your patience as we work through this process.

For those that came for school pictures this week, see below on how to order pictures online.

School code to order online EVT44DMV4

To order pictures [click here](#)

Scholastic Book Fair Ends Saturday



Koats for Kids

Koats for Kids is a community-wide effort to provide coats for families in Dane and Jefferson Counties. For the past 35 years, this coat drive has helped area families facing financial hardships by providing them with coats and other winter gear.

Dane County coat distribution will begin on October 23 and run until October 31st at 1856 Wright Street in Madison. We will be open to the public 12 PM to 8 PM. You do not need an appointment.

COVID-19 Koats for Kids Update:

This year, our distribution process will look a little different. We want to keep everyone healthy! We will require masks, social distancing, temperature checks, and are limiting the number of people in at one time.

Peachjar for School Flyers Launched on Monday, October 26

In an effort to improve family and community engagement, SASD schools will begin using Peachjar to send digital flyers directly to families. Peachjar is an electronic flyer communication tool and has replaced paper flyer distribution. You will receive school-approved digital flyers delivered to your inbox and by visiting our flyerboard on our school's website.

Last Monday, you should have received a Welcome email from Peachjar with log-in information. You do not need to log into your account at any time to receive flyers. However, if you wish to change your notification preferences, use the link in the Welcome email.

Family information is loaded directly into Peachjar and updated weekly so there is no need to sign up for most families. If you do not receive a Welcome email by Tuesday, or you would like to add additional family members, go to Peachjar.com, click "SIGN UP," and add your name and school.

You can unsubscribe from Peachjar emails any time. You can find more information about Peachjar and SASD [here](#).

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month

The month of October is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month. This month is recognized by many national organizations and is dedicated to bringing awareness to the prevalence of childhood bullying and the consequences it can cause. The staff at Fox Prairie Elementary is committed to provide a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all



and at school-sponsored activities. School wide, students K-5 are taught bully prevention lessons from the evidence based Second Step curriculum. These lessons teach students the skills to recognize bullying, ways to refuse it and how to report it to a trusting adult. Fox Prairie also participates in the Safe School Ambassador program. This is a student-centered bystander education program aimed to reduce bullying/peer mistreatment and enhance school climate. Participating 4th and 5th grade students attend a two day training learning about the types of peer mistreatment and safe ways to intervene. Throughout the school year these students continue to work with our staff leaders of this group to practice skills and get support.

Join our commitment to bringing awareness and education to staff, students, and our community about the impact of bullying and what we can do to stop it. For information and activities that your student and family can do virtually please visit the [Committee for Children website](#). Also for more information on our school wide interventions please visit:

[Second Step Bully Prevention Unit](#)
[Safe School Ambassador Program](#)

If you have any questions or would like to know more please feel free to contact:

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Playground Balls

Thank you again to Jennifer Korish for organizing this playground ball fundraiser, and to all the Stoughton community members that donated their time and money. This act of generosity allows almost every Stoughton Elementary School family to obtain this piece of equipment to aid in their learning and promote a healthy lifestyle.

For those families that didn't receive a playground ball during the August materials pick up and would like one, please call Mrs. Matson at 608-877-5102 to arrange a pick up.

Snap&Read

Snap&Read is available to any student with a chromebook in the SASD and gives your child a toolbox of reading tools to use wherever they read (websites, Google Classroom, ebooks,

worksheet, and even tests) into an audio book. ***Snap&Read can read text aloud*** (like an audiobook), ***simplify text, translate into over 100 languages, and provide executive functioning tools, highlighting, and note-taking supports.***

This resource provides directions for [Adding Snap & Read](#) to your child's chromebook. If you would like more information on Snap&Read's functions, check out this resource page.

<https://tinyurl.com/SASDSnapandRead>

Stoughton Public Library Announcement

The Stoughton Public Library is going fine free! You will still be charged for lost or damaged items, or if you checkout at a library that still charges fines and return it late.

They are working quickly to remove charges. If overdue fines are preventing you from checking out, please contact them.

The Stoughton Public Library is also giving away a free book to children ages 0-10 from October 19-31. Visit stolib.org/octbooks for more details.

Library Pick Up

Ms. Steinke sent out a message on Seesaw about curbside library book pick up. Four books can be checked out for two weeks at a time. Please check Seesaw for more details.

Securly Filtering

The District uses Securly to filter student Chromebooks while students are at school and at home. Securly provides visibility for families to their student's online activity when they are using their district Chromebook at home. Securly also gives families access to a parent portal where you can set additional internet filters while your student is at home

What can I expect to see from Securly?

If you are a family returning to SASD from previous years, you will continue to receive weekly emails from Securly with information on the websites your student has accessed the previous week.

If you are a family new to SASD, you will receive an email from Securly in the next week that will include information on how to access your parent Securly account. After your account is created, you will begin to receive a weekly email with the websites your student has accessed.

How do I sign into the parent portal?

You can access the parent portal in three different ways: the SecurlyHome app (recommended), the weekly activity report email, or the Securly website. [Linked here](#) is an article explaining the different ways you can sign into the parent portal

How can I get help with Securly?

You have direct access to Securly support by completing their online request form [linked here](#). If you are having trouble with a timely response from Securly, please contact us so we can assist with your request. You can contact us by completing a family tech support request form [linked here](#).

From the virtual desk of Nurtured Heart Approach:

From the virtual desk of NHA:

What can we learn from [Gilda](#) during this time of “delicious ambiguity”?

Amy, Sara Jane, Maggie, and Karla

SCHEDULE FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

All students will have the same morning start times for lessons:

8:00

9:30

10:45

Each morning, the homeroom class will start with a Morning Meeting and then begin their instruction. Depending on the grade level, lessons may not take the full time scheduled as we start the year.

In the afternoon, schedules will vary based on the needs of the students.

Our Specials schedule is:

- Monday-Music
- Tuesday-PE
- Wednesday-Library/Counseling
- Thursday-Art
- Friday-PE

Students can complete lessons when they would like, but some people have asked for a schedule.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- SeeSaw for K-2 and Google classroom for 3-5 will be used for assigning, collecting and giving feedback on student work.
- SeeSaw will be used for communication across all grades.
- Stay tuned for more information





 **Seesaw for Parents**

web.seesaw.me

Stay connected with your child's learning through Seesaw. Get realtime notifications about your child's progress and easily interact. Available for iOS, Android, Email, SMS and all computers.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

Attendance will be taken daily at the elementary level. Teachers will take attendance during each of the synchronous (live) instructional sessions, and will look for work activity at the end of the school day. If at 4:00 PM a student has not been "present" during the school day, an automated message will be sent to their family.

Have no fear! If your student completes activities between 4:00 PM and the next school day, we can easily change the student's attendance during the following school day.

[Click Here for District Technology Support](#)

Fox Prairie Shout Outs

If you would like to recognize a staff member here at Fox, please complete this [form](#). We love to celebrate our great staff!



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