

Dear parents,

I hope you all had fun in the sun this past weekend! Remember a year ago at this time, when COVID was still pretty new, and we thought we'd probably return to school by May? What a year it's been. We aren't through COVID yet, but I'm hopeful that we've weathered the worst of it. Even so, we can't deny COVID's impact on how things operate at school. Here are a couple of reminders and announcements related to in-person learning right now.

- Students must wear **masks** that fit securely around their noses and mouths. For this reason, according to CDC guidelines, **gators** are not acceptable face coverings. Please send your kids to school with masks.
- If you are able, we **recommend walking or driving your student to school** whenever possible. Even with reduced numbers and several safety measures in place, our buses cannot logistically transport all of our students AND maintain a 6' distance between students. For this reason, students who ride the bus are at greater risk of coming in close contact if a classmate is carrying the virus. **Carpooling** with neighbors is also preferred because close contact would be less than 15 minutes.
- If your child/family is **required to quarantine** as a result of close contact or a COVID diagnosis, please inform the school and make contact with your teacher(s) to arrange for **school work to be completed at home**. Students who are absent due to quarantine will still be expected to complete school assignments and attend any zoom meetings scheduled by their classroom or LAP/Title teacher. They are not transferred to a remote classroom.

Along this line...

- Please remember that **Wednesday is a school day**, and every student has a **morning zoom meeting** with their teacher. Students who do not attend this meeting are marked absent, and the **absence is unexcused** unless the family calls the school to explain the absence.

And finally...

- We're already registering **KINDERGARTENERS for next year!** If you know of any families with a child who will be 5 by September 1, 2021, please let them know they can register their child on our district website (link: <https://www.lcsd.wednet.edu/Page/1783>).
- They can also attend next **Wednesday's La Conner Connect Town Hall** webinar, which will feature **information about Kindergarten** at La Conner Elementary. More information about this event is on the district website (link: <https://www.lcsd.wednet.edu/Page/1>).
- Here the **when and how**:
 - Wednesday, April 28 @ 6:30
 - Facebook Live or Zoom webinar (link found on district calendar: <https://www.lcsd.wednet.edu/Page/2#calendar233/20210419/event/11875>)

That's all for now. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of this information. Enjoy this beautiful weather, and rest in the knowledge that our world is slowly returning to what we remember.

Take care,

Heather Fakkema-Hovde