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January 22, 2021

Dear Valley Park Families:

Thank you for your continued support of the Valley Park School District as we continue to navigate the novel coronavirus, respond to the challenges that accompany it, and strive to provide healthy, safe, high-quality in-person learning experiences for our students.

We are so pleased that we are already completing our 3rd week of in-person instruction in 2021 and thankful we have been able to safely and consistently educate students in-person since we started to welcome them back at the end of September. As excited and thankful as we are, now more than ever, we must all be as diligent in following all safety guidelines outside of school hours as we are when school is in session. This includes proper use of face coverings, social distancing, handwashing, and limiting social gatherings.

This week, out of an abundance of caution, we quarantined an entire elementary classroom for the first time in several months, and locally the virus continues to consistently spread across our community, state, and nation. Our students and staff have worked tirelessly to adhere to recommended health and safety protocols to keep our schools safe and open. As a district, we are deeply motivated by the knowledge that on-campus, in-person learning will produce the best learning experience and outcomes for students, but in order for schools to remain open and operate both effectively and safely, we all must work together for this to be successful. I recognize that many people are excited about continued reports of increased vaccinations, but the reality is that the majority of the general public has not received the vaccine yet and it will still take significant time before teachers and students will have access to the vaccine.

Please help us keep our schools safe and open by screening your child EACH day before sending them to school. It takes less than 2 minutes to do a fever check and review the [Healthy Hawk Checklist](#). If your [child is sick](#), please do not send them to school. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 please contact our school nurse, [Tina Elsner](#), as soon as possible so we can properly contact trace and limit further exposure.

Thank you for your continued patience and partnership. Please continue to do your part to contain this virus so that we can keep our schools open. Let's all remain vigilant in controlling the spread of COVID-19 as we hopefully await the vaccine becoming more readily accessible to the general public in the near future.

Most Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Dilg
Superintendent



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COVID DASHBOARD

We continue to update our [Valley Park School District Covid Dashboard](#) weekly. On this site, you will find VPSD specific data on confirmed cases of COVID-19, quarantine numbers, and other information. The district has and will continue to communicate directly with families and staff regarding positive COVID-19 cases in the district only if they are personally impacted or determined to be at risk as per CDC guidelines. Federal privacy laws protect student and staff confidentiality; therefore personally identifiable information on any individuals testing positive or being asked to isolate or quarantine will not be shared.

FREE MEAL SERVICE

Breakfast and lunch will continue to be FREE for ALL students through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

LIVE STREAMING WINTER ATHLETICS

Home winter athletic contests will continue to be live-streamed at: www.vp.k12.mo.us/vpactivities. Schedules, game dates, times, & locations can be found at: www.vp.k12.mo.us/athleticscalendar.

OPEN FACILITIES

Any Valley Park High School student wanting to work on their baseball hitting skills is invited to attend open facilities hitting sessions in the elementary gymnasium every Monday from 7-8 pm. These sessions are free, supervised by Valley Park School District coaches, and open to any Valley Park High School student. Please enter the glassdoors near the early childhood center. For additional information please contact Coach Menley at mmenley@vp.k12.mo.us

WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & SNOW DAY PLAN

We are heading into the season of inclement weather. If you would like to receive a weather/emergency announcement from the school, please make sure that your information is updated in [Infinite Campus](#). Text and email announcements are sent through Infinite Campus. School closures are also announced on local television news outlets, and on our website and social media channels.