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October 16, 2020

Dear Valley Park Families:

Thank you for your continued support of our students and educators as we have transitioned our youngest learners back to in-person learning over the last three weeks. It has been wonderful having students and teachers back in the buildings. We truly appreciate our students, families, and staff's efforts to carefully follow our [Health and Safety protocols](#), which are essential to keeping our entire community as safe as possible and our schools open for learning.

It has been amazing to witness the lengths to which everyone is going to meet the needs of our students in a most unusual school year that continues to present many obstacles and challenges. This week I'd like to especially thank our early childhood and elementary teachers for being the first to welcome students back to school. It has not been easy blending in-person and remote learning for our students, adhering to increased safety protocols, and delivering high-quality instruction, but our teachers and staff continue to exceed all expectations. I want to also thank our families for supporting your students at home and for the sacrifices you have made. As we continue to welcome more students back to our buildings, we will continue to learn and grow together as a Valley Park community and adjust to meet students' and staff's needs.

As we have throughout the pandemic, we continue to work closely with health experts and partners at St. Louis County Department of Public Health to plan for a safe and gradual return to in-person learning for all students. Next week we will welcome back our 5th-grade students on October 19th, and we plan to bring middle school and high school students (6th-12th grade) back to our classrooms for in-person learning on Monday, October 26th. Starting on Monday, October 26th, all students in grades k-12 will attend in-person learning four days a week (Monday-Thursday) through December 22nd. Fridays will continue to be a virtual learning day in order to ensure students and staff are prepared to transition to at-home learning if the need arises. Students and families who committed to the [6-12 Virtual Learning Pathway](#) will continue to learn through our [Edgenuity Program](#) for the entirety of the first semester and have an option to return to in-person learning when the second semester begins.

As we move forward with the 2020-21 school year, our faculty, staff, and students' safety and well-being will remain our top priority. We have worked hard to develop a reopening plan predicated on sound health guidelines to mitigate the Coronavirus transmission and want nothing more than to see our students return to school and stay in school. We need your help to make this a safe and successful school year. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick, and please review the [Healthy Hawk Checklist](#) and screen your child EACH day before sending them to school.

I appreciate your patience and support of our schools as we continue to provide all students with an opportunity to learn in a healthy and safe environment. We will continue to [take every precaution](#) to keep your children and our faculty/staff safe as we increase our in-person learning opportunities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Dilg
Superintendent



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUS ROUTES

Families may access their child's bus stop and estimated pick-up/drop-off time by logging into the [Infinite Campus Parent](#) or Student portals, clicking "More" (on the left side), and clicking "Transportation". If you need additional support, please email Katie Henderson, Lead Bus Driver, at khenderson@vp.k12.mo.us.

DROPOFF & PICKUP LOCATIONS

Parent drop off will be limited to using the car lane only to reduce the number of people entering the building and to ensure safe entry for our students. **Elementary(K-5) and Early Childhood** parents are required to use the circle drive. **Middle School and High school** drop off parents are encouraged to enter the parking lot near the softball and baseball field and exit near the central office. 6th-12th grade students should be dropped off by the double gate near the softball field. Middle school drop off students should enter on the side doors of the middle school. High School students should use the sidewalks and enter at one of the designated high school entrances. A sign will be visible to clearly mark the designated secondary drop off zone. Students are to report directly to their classrooms upon arrival.

ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Our school district is a polling location and school is not in session.

FREE MEALS 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students, those attending in-person and learning virtually, must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school. The district will not allow a student to attend school until the district has satisfactory evidence on file demonstrating that the student has been immunized, that the immunization process has begun and satisfactory progress is being accomplished or that the student is [exempted from obtaining immunizations in accordance with law](#). Please submit proof of immunizations to our District Nurse, Tina Elsner.

<https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/pdf/2021schoolrequirements.pdf>

NOW HIRING

We need your help to fill our classified positions. We have current openings for substitute teachers, substitute nurses and bus drivers. Please help us spread the word to anyone you know who is currently looking for work www.vp.k12.mo.us/careers.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Virtual Parent-Teacher conferences will take place the week of October 26th-29th. Look for more information from your building principal. Friday, October 30th is Conference Break for students and staff and school is not in-session.

SCHOOL START & END TIMES

- Middle School and High School: 7:40 AM-2:40 PM
- Elementary Grades 3-5: 8:15 AM-3:15 PM
- Elementary Grades K-2: 8:50 AM -3:50 PM
- Preschool: 8:15 AM-3:15 PM

Y-CARE

Y-Care will resume on October 26, 2020. Please [click on this link](#) to complete the registration form for your child(ren).