NEW YEAR, NEW ROUTINES
BY MS. TARA

Welcome Back Families! We have missed you all so much. While we are proud of the remote learning protocols we put in place, we know the best work we can do is when we work with our families and students directly.

It is no secret that coming back to school this fall is going to look a little different, no matter what school you go into. We wanted to take some time to share some of the safety protocols, procedures and new routines that we have put in place in light of the current concerns around COVID. You can check out some of these cleaning and safety procedures on the next page.

We also want to share some updates on hybrid therapy, other meetings and visitors to school, remote learning and your choices as parents in making decisions about the best learning environment for your child this year.

Finally, we want to share some calendar reminders and insight about our decisions when we remain open and when we may close.
CLEANING AND SAFETY
Protocols, routines, procedures

Daily cleaning increased - we have increased our cleaning of classroom and common spaces with before, during and after school routines, including wash stations for commonly used items.

Distancing in classrooms - we will have desks set apart and floor markings to ensure we are giving each student a safe space to learn

Temp/health checks upon entry - staff and students will complete temperature and well-being checks when arriving

Masks - Students and staff will be required to wear masks. Mask breaks will be provided throughout the day for students.

Ongoing monitoring of COVID in the Denver community - MHCD and Skyline have several monitoring procedures in place to track COVID and community responses, which will all factor in to our school remaining open or in person learning. Contingency plans are in place to support being prepared for students out and closing.

HYBRID THERAPY

At this time, we plan on doing the majority of our family therapy appointments via video conference. Your child’s therapist will reach out to you, and if you feel more comfortable coming in person, we are able to accommodate this as well.

Our Occupational Therapists would like to resume in person therapy with students in the fall. However, if you feel more comfortable with this continuing via video conference, that will be supported by Rocky Mountain Kid Therapy.

Most other meetings, including educational meetings and IEP’s, and monthly staffings will be held via video conferencing to minimize large groups and minimize the amount of people coming and going in our school.

REMOTE LEARNING PLANS

BY MS. TARA

We have been working to create several options for remote learning depending on the scenario, number of students receiving remote learning, and amount of time we anticipate remote learning happening. Each plan takes into account the number of staff we have available to support it and the resources we will have available.

Remote Learning for 1-5 Students - Video conferencing will continue for individual and family therapy. Students will get phone or video check-ins with a classroom staff at least once a week. The majority of work will be paper based and on our I-Ready, IXL and Code platforms.

Remote Learning for school, less than 5 days - Same as above, with possibility of school wide videos on our you tube channel.

Remote Learning for school, more than 5 days - Instruction will move to video or virtual classrooms, lessons will be online, a schedule will be set up regarding contact with educational staff, family and individual therapy remain the same.
YOUR CHOICES
Decisions our families have

In person vs. remote learning - You have the option to elect for your student to participate in school via remote options. Please begin this chat with your student's therapist if you feel this option will fit your family best.

Family therapy meetings - We plan on doing most of our family based therapies remotely, to minimize traffic in the building and school. You have the option as a family to request in person appointments with your therapist.

CALENDAR NOTES

August 17-21st - Family Orientation
We will have families join us to tour school, check in with staff and see what we are doing to maintain cleaning and safety procedures.

August 24 - School Starts!
We are excited to welcome all our students back!

September 7 - Labor Day - No School

A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP
BY MS. TARA, MS. SIBYL AND MS. HYLER

We have spent all summer discussing, planning and thinking about coming back to school, and what that will look like. We want our families to know we are paying close attention to national, state and county trends with COVID, as well as taking into account what our partner school districts and fellow facility schools are doing with COVID concerns.

We have outlined several scenarios to assist us in determining when we may have to switch from in-person to remote learning, and when we may be able to return from one to another.

At the current time, we are taking into account our small size, ability to keep our classes small, increased cleaning procedures, ability to maintain social distancing in our building and our ability to have cleaning and safety supplies on hand, which has led us to feel safe in starting in person learning August 24th. See you then!
Questions you may have regarding coming back to school

Question: Can I bring my own mask to wear?
Answer: Students are welcome to bring their own masks, or the school will provide masks that are either disposable or assigned to students and washed on campus. Masks brought from home are still subject to staff discretion on appropriateness for school, and cannot include violent images, images that may be scary for younger children, references to sex, drugs, or alcohol.

Question: Are masks required on the vans to school?
Answer: Yes, masks will be required as many of our drivers are in an at risk category for health concerns. Masks will be provided by the van driver for students, or students may wear their own.

Question: Can we opt to do remote learning later if we start in person?
Answer: We want to be as flexible as possible for our families. If we ask a student to quarantine or a family decides they feel more comfortable with a student staying home, we will provide remote work and continue individual and family therapy via video conferences.

AROUND CAMPUS!
WE MISSED YOU! HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON THIS SUMMER!

Top: Skyline Campground in WY!
Below: Sunflower from gardens, Ms. Maury’s new co-workers, amazing summer sunsets!

Top: Arby relaxes in the grass
Bottom: Mr. Rubano rafting

Top: Skyline Staff helps out in the Dahlia Gardens
Bottom: Ms. Tara’s new baby, Taden!