Dear McGinn Families,

Kudos to our whole school community for waiting patiently at home for procedures or braving the fierce rains and winds to walk to school to make our first week of hybrid learning for grades K and 1 a success! Our newest students to the building and the students who have been learning on site wowed us with their enthusiasm and adaptability in this different school experience.

Thank you to our fabulous Room Parents as well for making Halloween spooktacular!

This letter includes hybrid information and safety measures. For more information on our hybrid procedures and plans, please visit McGinn’s website.

Schedule Week of November 2nd - Announcements will take place at 9:30 again this week to accommodate our hybrid learners. This week’s schedule is the following:

★ Monday is a Cohort A day at McGinn for hybrid learning
★ Tuesday is a VIRTUAL Learning day for ALL students due to the Presidential Election.
★ Wednesday is a Cohort B day at McGinn for hybrid Learning
★ Thursday and Friday schools are closed due to the New Jersey Teachers Convention

Student Council 2020-21 - We are preparing for our nation’s Presidential Election this Tuesday, and it is also the kickoff to McGinn’s Student Council! There will be a virtual Student Council meeting of the 2019-20 Student Council on Election Day, November 2nd, at 2:30 PM. The link will be sent to our Representatives.

If your child would like to participate in the 2020-21 Virtual Student Council Elections, please read the procedures here. Elections to be a candidate on the school ballot will take place in classes the week of November 9th. The following week (week of November 16th), our candidates will submit short videos following the Student Council guidelines. Elections for McGinn’s Student Council will take place the week of November 23rd. Good luck to all our McGinn candidates!

Tardy Procedures - Some of our families participating in hybrid starting this week wondered where to bring their child if they missed the 8:25 - 8:35 entrance time. This is a thoughtful question considering our entry and dismissal procedures for each grade level. All students who are late must enter through Door #1 to the vestibule where a parent/guardian will sign them in. The main office will let the child into school to walk to their classroom.
As we approach several long weekends and the holidays, please review the [NJ Travel Advisory](https://www.nj.gov/health/doh/covid/traveladvisory.shtml). Students who travel to states identified on the travel advisory will need to quarantine for 14 days. Students will be able to participate in their classes remotely. If your family has plans to travel to a state that requires a 14 day quarantine, please contact Mrs. Drubulis (908) 233-7950 prior to your travel so that instruction can continue remotely and we document the correct attendance.

**Quarantining** - If a student is exposed to someone who tests positive outside of school, we ask that the student quarantine for 14 days. Some families have asked if a negative test for the virus would exempt them from part of the quarantine, and the answer is no. Among the reasons why are that there are false positive tests and symptoms can develop long after exposure. For more information on this requirement, please see this [CDC webpage](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

**Recording Google Meets** - In some cases, a teacher may record part of a Google Meet as a component of their observation process. This recording would remain confidential and be retained only for the purpose of the observation. As a reminder, families should not record or photograph Google Meets for personal use or upload to social media.

We look forward to entering our final stage of hybrid learning on November 9th when we will welcome our 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade hybrid learners! Thank you for your continued adaptability, resilience and dedication to our children's learning!

Sincerely,

Sasha Slocum
Principal

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