



Mill Creek Elementary

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Greetings Mill Creek Families!

This week we've seen students continuing their introduction to and exploration of our new math curriculum: Illustrative Math. Ask your child about it and plan to learn more about it at Curriculum Night on Thursday, October 7. Due to COVID protocols that restrict visitors now, Curriculum Night will once again be conducted virtually, via **Zoom**, this year.

Classroom teachers will be sending out Zoom meeting invitations and links:

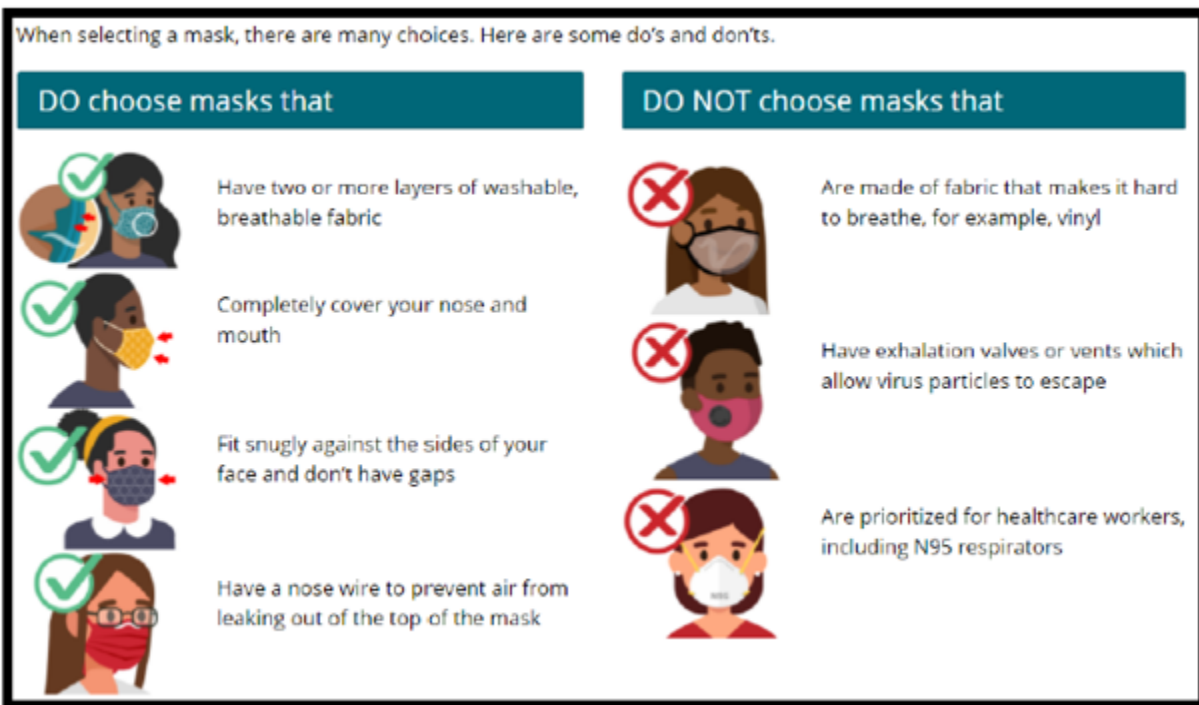
- K-2 Curriculum Night: 6:00-6:45
- 3-5 Curriculum Night: 7:00-7:45

This week's Family Friday Update is dedicated to the topic of COVID safety and communication protocols, referencing information outlined in the district's [family COVID handbook](#) as well as a few Mill Creek Elementary specific items. It is our goal to offer the safest setting possible for every student and staff member now, and to share COVID related information in a timely and factual way.

Prevention: Masking and 3' Social Distancing

The great majority of our students are doing well with mask wearing and complying as much as possible with 3' social distancing protocols. Assigned seating in the classroom, cafeteria and in specialist classes are also in place as a safety protocol.

The following CDC mask guidelines would be helpful to review with your child(ren):



If Your Child is Sick

If your student has any [COVID symptoms](#), it's important that they stay home from school. If your student is staying home because of symptoms, or has tested positive for COVID, please **email** this information to our Office Assistant, Mrs. Natalie Bray, at: mceattendance@everettsd.org

Positive Case at School

We know this topic is of utmost concern now and recognize that *all* our families need and desire direct, factual and timely information about it. Going forward, if there is a positive case, the attached general [positive case notification letter](#) will be sent to all families. Be assured that the legal medical confidentiality rights of those affected will be preserved.

Quarantine

There may be a time when your child is determined to be in close contact with a positive case and may need to quarantine. If they were in contact with a positive case at our school, you will be contacted by the school district and a follow up call from the health district. You can see how close contact tracing is done in this scenario of an [elementary student](#). If your child was exposed to COVID outside of school and the health district calls you to say your child must be in quarantine, they will follow the same process and number of days in quarantine. You will be told your quarantine date, and [this flowchart](#) will help you follow when your child can return to school. If the positive case is in the same household, the quarantine may be extended past 14 days as directed by the [health department](#).

Attendance and school work in quarantine

Whether your child was a close contact in school or out of school, you need to let your teacher(s) know how long your child will be in quarantine. This date will be given to you when you are contacted about quarantine. You can also follow [this flowchart](#) that shows when your child can return to school. **Your child will be marked “absent due to quarantine” which is an excused absence.**

Your teacher will provide work for your child to do in quarantine. Students should have access to core instructional content during quarantine.

In closing, we are grateful to you, our families, for our strong partnership, in service of our students, as we navigate the exceptional COVID circumstances of this school year to keep our entire school community safe.

Warmly,

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