

Jan. 8, 2021

Hello Kleefeld Community,

We've had a good first week back at school. It is so great to have students learning in classrooms, running around in the schoolyard and just to have a buzz back in the building.

You will have received an email from HSD last night outlining what school will look like from Jan. 18 until Spring Break. Please read it carefully. I want to provide a little bit of additional information so that you can make the right decision for your family in the survey, also sent out last night by HSD. The survey must be completed by Monday at noon.

- You only received surveys for K-6 children. There is no survey for gr. 7/8 children because they are not being given a remote learning option. If your gr. 7/8 child does not come to school, you must sign them up for homeschooling.
- Remote learning for gr. 1-6 students will look different. If you choose that option, your child will likely not be taught by a Kleefeld teacher, but rather placed into a virtual classroom with another teacher and students from across HSD. That teacher will be in charge of all of your child's reporting and everything school related. There is a remote learning resource available through the HSD website, but we will provide more specifics about that next week to the remote learners. If you are planning to continue with remote learning, we will need any school electronic devices returned for our students here to use.
- Remote learning for K students will look similar to how it is now, with packages being sent home and a weekly check in with the teacher.
- For all of the students returning to Kleefeld School, we have to wait for the results of the survey. Our classrooms can hold roughly 16 students with 2 metre spacing, so if there are more students, we have to shuffle things around. Depending on the numbers, we will likely have to create an overflow or split classroom. We will do our absolute best to make decisions that are in the best interest of your children, our students.
- If your child is returning on Jan. 18 from remote learning, please remember to send all of their regular school shoes and supplies with them.
- We are looking forward to gr. 7/8 students being back in the building, we're just not exactly sure how that will look yet. It depends on the survey results. Our classes are maxed out at about 16 students, so if we have more students returning, we will likely have to go with a 50/50 model. Students would be divided into 2 groups and be here every other day. If we have 16 or fewer students per class, we could have them all in the building every day. Please don't let this stop you from sending your child if that's what works for your family, it's just the reality of the decisions we have to make right now. We will give you more info on this next week.
- There is also a transportation piece to the survey. If you can transport your own child, please do. If you need the bus service, that is also available, unless you are usually a walker, but I'm sure you know that.

Just a couple of other fun bits. We are continuing to declare local national holidays every Friday during this pandemic, so Jan. 15 is Crazy Hair Day, Jan. 22 is Number Day, and Jan. 29 is Tie Day.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. They are the reason why we do this job and we love having them here.

Thank you for all of the work you have done. This has impacted all of us differently, and some time I'd love to hear your story, but for now, all I can do is hope that your family is doing well and wish you a great weekend.

If you have questions, please call or email.

Thank you,

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