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Dear Robert Frost Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Robert Frost's 2021-2022 school year!

This letter has been prepared with GREAT excitement as it signifies the start of our school year! Careful planning has gone into bringing our students back into our building on ***September 8, 2021***.

As we at Robert Frost Elementary School prepare for the new school year, we have worked with District Leadership and our staff over the course of the last few months to gather feedback and identify protocols surrounding the safety, educational, social, and emotional needs of our students and families.

Our office is open to answer questions and for registering scholars for the 2021-2022 school year.

All visitors will be required to make an appointment prior to arrival. Please call ***301.918.8792*** to schedule an appointment.

According to the CDC, masks will be required inside schools for students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for ***Friday, September 3, 2021, at 1 p.m.***

The first day of school is ***Wednesday, September 8, 2021***.

Robert Frost's instructional day begins at ***7:50 a.m.*** Students may arrive as early as ***7:40 a.m.*** The school day will end at ***1:45 p.m.*** for all students. Early dismissals will end at ***1:30 p.m.*** to fully support dismissal.

Special Note: Cathedral Avenue gets very crowded in the morning, so give yourself plenty of time to have your student on time every day.

Students walking home will be dismissed at *1:45 p.m.* Parents of students that will be car riders for dismissal are asked to arrive at school at *2:00 p.m.* for door-to-door pick-up service.

All parents will be notified of their child's classroom teacher assignment via email and Class Dojo by *Thursday, September 2, 2021.*

Virtual Learning Program

Students selected to participate in the Virtual Learning Program will be contacted by their assigned Distance Learning teacher. Also, teacher and class assignments may change to meet our students' in-person and distance learning needs.

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Robert Frost will closely adhere to the recommendations in the Prince George's County Public School Reopening Guide by minimizing interactions over the course of the school day and increasing our cleaning efforts, which are at the top of our list.

To begin, we will implement the following actions:

- Increased deep cleaning practices.
- Hand sanitizing stations at various locations and increased handwashing throughout the day.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will go to the Care Room for the parent to pick up
- Only essential and pre-approved visitors will be permitted at Robert Frost.
Those approved are required to wear a mask.
- Virtual Zoom teacher conferences will continue during the 2021-2022 school year.

Health and Safety

Prior to school each day, we ask that families conduct a health check on their child(ren).

- Does your child have any of these symptoms that are not caused by another condition?
Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, Recent loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion, Nausea, or vomiting, or Diarrhea.
- Within the past 14 days, has your child had contact with anyone that you know had COVID-19 or COVID-like symptoms? Contact is being 6 feet (2 meters) or closer for more than 15

minutes with a person or having direct contact with fluids from a person with COVID-19 (for example, being coughed or sneezed on).

- Has anyone in your household had a positive COVID-19 test for active viruses in the past ten days?
- Within the past 14 days, public health or medical professionals told anyone in your household to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection?

In order to accomplish this efficiently and safely, families doing parent drop-off must remain in their vehicles and utilize the parent drop-off lane.

Student Arrival/Dismissal

- The doors to the school will not open before **7:40 a.m.**
- Students are asked to stay in their family's car or bus until a staff member invites them to limit crowding and grouping. In order to accomplish this efficiently and safely, families doing parent drop-off must remain in their vehicles and utilize the parent drop-off lane.
- At **7:50 a.m.**, students will walk to their designated line-up area for their class.
- If your child is late to school, please escort them to the front door and sign them in.
- At the end of the day, students will be dismissed by classrooms to travel with a teacher to their bus and parent pick-up locations. At parent pick up, we will require that all families remain in their cars and utilize the parent pick up lane, rather than walking up to retrieve your child. This will allow us to expedite our process efficiently and safely while students exit the building in their cohorts. We will follow our standard procedure for walkers.

The Robert Frost Elementary Staff continues its commitment to working collaboratively with you to provide results-oriented instruction that focuses on the success and achievement of every student. We are counting on each and every parent to partner with us to continue our work to raise the bar and grow achievement for all of our students. To this end, we have updated our Mission, Vision, Shared Commitments, and Values.

Mission: It is the mission of Robert Frost ES to ensure high levels of learning and growth for each student within a positive atmosphere.

Vision: The staff of Robert Frost ES, through our collective effort, will ensure our policies, programs, and practices reflect our commitment to preparing all students to achieve high levels of learning and growth. In doing so, our students will have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions essential to pursue and attain their goals and dreams- (College, Career, and Life Ready).

School Supply List

Families wishing to do so may get essential supplies for their students (notebooks, pencil box, paper, pencils, etc.). The school will provide many regular and specialty supply items. The school district will give the students one washable mask. It is highly recommended that families find multiple masks that their children like and are more comfortable using.

Uniform Policy

The uniform policy shall be in effect for the school year 2021-22.

All provisions of the Prince George's County Public School District's student dress code, as documented in the Parent/Student Handbook and any posted rules of this school, shall remain in effect.

Description of the Uniform

- a. ***Tops:*** the approved uniform top is a light blue polo shirt, navy sweatshirt, or sweater.
- b. ***Bottoms:*** the approved bottoms are defined as navy khaki pants or blue-gold skirt, skort, or jumper.
- c. ***Accessories:*** navy tights or socks, all black shoes, black belt, blue-gold ties.

All students enrolled at Robert Frost Elementary School shall comply with the provisions of this site-based student uniform policy and the school dress code during the school day.

The only exception to this policy shall exist with the principal's permission during a free day. Free days shall apply to all students. No content-based exceptions shall be allowed.

These are exceptional times right now. Please know that the Teachers, Staff, and Administration of Robert Frost Elementary School are committed to providing a robust, rigorous, and relevant learning experience for your child that is safe and supports their social and emotional growth.

Sincerely,

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