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Dear Bristol Public Schools Community,

This week we transitioned our K, 1, 2, and 3 scholars back to full in-person learning. Students and teachers were excited to be back together! We all look forward to the time when the district will be 100% in-person, however using a phase-in model allows us to monitor and assess class sizes, social distancing protocols, and maintain access for our CVL students. West Bristol’s third grade and eighth grade provided this week’s learning. I thoroughly enjoyed being ‘schooled’ by our eighth grade scholars about alleles, genes, and chromosomes and look forward to returning to learn more about DNA, mitosis, and meiosis. Mrs. Hanson’s third graders introduced Mrs. Levasseur and myself to closed syllables. Did you know a closed syllable is a syllable with a short vowel sound and one or more consonants at the end, like in the word *best*?

This week’s communication includes information regarding the October 12th holiday, the return of our 4-8 scholars back to full in-person learning, a reminder of parent conferences, local COVID testing sites, resource numbers, and the announcement of our newly launched Spanish Facebook page.

No School – Monday, October 12th

Bristol Public Schools will be closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 13th – It will be an **A-Day**. Students with the last name A-K will meet in-person.

Transition to Full In-Person Learning Model by Grade Band

We will transition our grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 scholars back to full in-person instruction during the week of October 19, 2020. Schools will message their families as we get closer to October 19th with any additional information. We are examining ways in which we can enhance and increase the time our high school scholars attend school in-person. We will communicate these modifications to our high school families and scholars within the next two weeks. *Please know that dates of the staggered return to Full In-Person Learning are subject to change dependent on health metrics, COVID-19 trends, and social distancing requirements.*

Learning Schedule for October 12 - October 16, 2020:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10/12	10/13 A All students in grades K, 1, 2, 3	10/14	10/15 B All students in grades K, 1, 2, 3	10/16 C All students in grades K, 1, 2, 3
NO SCHOOL	Last Name A-K In-person Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	REMOTE LEARNING	Last Name L-Z in-person Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Last Name A-K In-person Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

District-wide Parent-Teacher Conferences:

I wanted to include another reminder about the upcoming fall conferences. Conferences will be held virtually or by phone conference, each school administrator will send school level specific information regarding the conferences. The dates for conferences are as follows:

Elementary - October 21, 22, 23

K-8 - October 21, 22, 23

Middle School - October 20, 21, 22, 23

High School - October 21, 22, 23

COVID Pop-up Testing

The Wheeler Clinic Family Health and Wellness Center will be offering COVID testing at sites throughout the Bristol Community. The test will be administered between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. *Testing is open to anyone in the community.*

Testing Date and Location	Testing Date and Location	Testing Date and Location	Testing Date and Location
10/7/20	10/14/20	10/21/20	10/28/20
Bristol Central High School	Bristol Eastern High School	Bristol Central High School	Bristol Eastern High School

Additional dates and locations will be announced. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Roth, Family Health and Wellness Director at Wheeler Clinic. (860) 920-4176.

Resource Lines

Cooperative Virtual Learning Helpdesk Number: 860-584-7023

Bristol Cares Hotline Number: 860-584-6253

Spanish Facebook Page – *New*

We are excited to launch our Spanish Facebook Page. This page will provide information and updates from the district in Spanish for all members of our district community to access.

[Spanish Facebook Page Link](#)

As always, we are BPS! We will move *forward together* and as a result, be better together!

Best,



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