



Old Farmers Road School

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We're All Making our Way!

Hello At Home!

Let me begin by recognizing **EVERYONE** who has contributed in a positive way to the unique opening of our special school. The past two weeks have been a period of intense adjustment, under the most unusual of circumstances, for students, teachers, and parents.

More than anything, it is truly wonderful to see your children back here at their school! That includes our "D cohort all virtual" kids too! There is a bit of 'normal' in the air among all the new rules. It's great to see the kids in classrooms learning and then having time to socialize and kick back with each other, especially during lunch and recess. It's just kids being kids, so so great! (physically distanced of course). For the most part, we have had great weather. This has allowed many grade levels to eat and play outside and take those refreshing distanced "mask breaks" from time to time during the school day. The students have all been wonderful at following the physically distanced rules, extra handwashing, and wearing their masks. In addition, the kids have been managing the new bus and "parent pick up" rules. We recognize those students who are taking great care and being very responsible with their Chromebooks- good job! The kids are going with the flow, like only kids can do! A special shout out to our new students and kindergarten students who really have adjusted to our OFRS routines so well. All the kids have been truly awesome!



To say our OFRS teachers and staff members are showing an extra measure of determination and perseverance is an understatement! OFRS is full of gritty, committed, and hardworking teachers, teacher's aides, and other staff members who are in your child's corner right now! Yes, we have had our share of technical problems, but with each day we are working out the kinks with the help and support of each other and our technology helpers. We know you are experiencing ups and downs managing the at home piece of hybrid learning too. We recognize many of you have multiple children and do

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a great job coordinating their eMeets and staying on top of their school work, *we can relate!* The start of school meant some of you have had to learn to navigate new platforms and learn new logins, which can be frustrating, we can relate to that too! Nevertheless, you are sticking with it, keeping a positive attitude, supporting your children and their teachers. Hopefully, each day feels a little better than the one before.



Whole Class Virtual Mondays begin on Monday, September 14th

Lunch Orders:

- Preorder lunch online. Look under the "Quick Links" section of the [OFRS website](#).

Parent Pick-Up/Drop Off of school materials:

- Weather permitting, the drop of pick up area for our remote learners will take place daily, at the flagpole, with **NEW extended pick up of materials hours 7:30AM - 6:00PM M-F.**

From the Nurse, Mrs. Braithwaite:

- NEW OFRS Families: Submit your child's updated vaccination data & physical exam to the nurse.
- Information regarding FEVER:
 - Must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication
 - Improvement in other symptoms (cough, sore throat).
 - Doctor's note to return to school **REQUIRED**
- Notify the nurse if a family member, a friend, or a known contact is being tested for or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- If you return to N.J. after a visit to ["a high risk state"](#), your child(ren) must learn remotely for 14 calendar days before returning to school.
- Contact our school nurse, Mrs. Braithwaite at (908) 876-3865 x4003 or nbraithwaite@wtschools.org or visit [her website](#) with any questions.



Last, but certainly not least, may we all join together as Americans and remember the solemn events of today, 9/11. Let us honor the memories of all those most affected by that terrible day by never forgetting. God Bless the U.S.A.

Thank you again for reading through all of the information carefully. On behalf of all of us at OFRS, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Joseph Ciulla

Principal

"Caring is Cool at OFRS"