

Parent Updates 3/5/21

We are off to a wonderful start of our all-day learning plans at MHS. It has been such a pleasure to see our students engaging in school online and in person.

- Dismissal/Pick-Up Lane - The parent pick up lane is quite long at dismissal and we thank you for your patience as we do our best to dismiss students safely. Please encourage siblings to stand together to expedite the process. As a reminder, any change in your plan will need to be entered into SDM. Students that require early dismissal for various reasons will need to be signed out and picked up before 3:10pm. · Students will not be released to siblings or babysitters under the age of 18 unless confirmed as an Emergency Contact by the parent or guardian.
- When you're ready, the buses are a safe option to consider. Buses are cleaned in between runs, there is a developed seating chart, and windows are cracked to maintain airflow.
- Virtual conferences have been rescheduled for **March 19th**. Your child's teacher will be reaching out with more information. **Early dismissal** that day will be at 11:20 and conferences will begin at 12:30.
- Lunch Time - We've worked through a few kinks with serving lunches, but now it is running like a well-oiled machine! A huge "thank you" for sending in disposable lunches this week for students who pack their lunch. This was a safe way to start so we could effectively examine challenges we might face with non-disposable items. Beginning on Monday, March 8th, students who prefer to pack can come with a lunchbox that is not disposable. If students are eating lunch in the cafe, they will need to include a beverage with their packed lunch. If students are packing and eating lunch in the classroom, they can use their water bottle. Please consider taking advantage of our free lunches at school!

- Recess - We have continually evaluated our recess plan through this week and have made a few adjustments. The recess zones have created several challenges, and we have determined that we have safer practices without enforcing the zones. We've observed the confined zones increased clustering of students as they waited to engage in the activities being offered on the playground. Clustering causes distancing issues and this is certainly not a safe practice for prolonged periods of time. We do know the majority of students play with students from their class while wearing their masks. Playground activities are typically 6' apart and many students just simply like to run. We have recess monitors throughout the area observing students to ensure they are following safe practices. We do not want our students standing at recess, we want them moving, playing and engaging.
- Change in Learning Plan - (Recap from the Moreland Messenger) Parents may request a *one-time* change in the learning preference (“all-in” or full remote) for their child by completing [this form](#) at least one week prior to the date of requested change. Within 1 school day of receipt of the request, a staff member will confirm with the parent the start date of the enacted permanent change. In the event of an extenuating circumstance, please contact Principal, Renee Tuttle.