

Glens Falls City School District  
Elementary School

Big Cross Street

August 2020

Dear Big Cross Families,

We are certainly living in unique and challenging times. As we find ourselves working to adapt to new norms and habits, I hope that each of you have had an opportunity to relax and enjoy your summer.

Though the start of the 2020-2021 school year brings its own special challenges, I am excited about seeing our Big Cross students and families in September. There has been much careful planning and conversations regarding the upcoming school year and this year's, Welcome Back Letter, will provide you with information in regards to our plans as we move forward.

Big Cross, as a place of learning, has been redesigned to meet a new standard of student safety; with an emphasis on social distancing and the wearing of face masks. Students have been assigned specific drop off times and doors to enter in an effort to promote social distancing. With the help of our custodial staff, icons have been spray painted around the building to give students and families a safe spot to stand prior to entering the building. Please see the arrival schedule below.

**Tuesday September 8 - Friday September 11 - Staggered Transition**

**Elementary In-person students only:**

***Tuesday (9/8) and Wednesday (9/9): Students last names A-L come to school***

***Thursday (9/10) and Friday (9/11): students last names M-Z come to school***

<i>Kindergarten - 8:30 Arrival to begin at 8:25</i>	<i>KC-2nd Street Door</i>	<i>KF-Girls Door (Front)</i>
<i>Grade 1 - 8:30 AM Arrival to begin at 8:25</i>	<i>1J-3rd Street Door</i>	<i>1W-Boys Door (Front)</i>
<i>Grade 2 - 8:45 AM Arrival to begin at 8:40</i>	<i>2A-Boys Door (Right Side)</i>	<i>2D-Girls Door (left)</i>
<i>Grade 3 - 8:45 AM Arrival to begin at 8:40</i>	<i>3M-3rd Street Door</i>	<i>3S-Boys Door (Left Side)</i>
<i>Grade 4 - 8:45 AM Arrival to begin at 8:40</i>	<i>4L-Girls Door (Right)</i>	<i>4C-2nd Street</i>
	<i>4B- Back Door (Library Door)</i>	

**\* It is important that safe building entry procedures, that accommodate social distancing and temperature taking, are established. Please plan on waiting with your child until the building is open for student entry. I apologize for any inconvenience.**

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**At the end of each day, students will be dismissed from the doors they entered in the AM at the following times:**

Kindergarten and First Grade	2:15 PM
Second Grade, Third Grade, and Fourth Grade	2:30 PM

**Monday, September 14 - Moving Forward**

**Everyone** in person; All-Virtual Google Meets begin

**Virtual Learning:**

Parents who chose virtual learning for their students should plan on picking up student supplies on the following days/times listed below:

- K & 1 = Tuesday, September 8th, 9:30-11:00 or 12:30-2:00
- 2 = Wednesday, September 9th, 9:30-11:00 or 12:30-2:00
- 3 = Thursday, September 10th, 9:30-11:00 or 12:30-2:00
- 4 = Friday, September 11th, 9:30-11:00 or 12:30-2:00

**If your child is entering grades 1,2, 3 or 4 and borrowed a chromebook this spring, please send it with them to school on their first day. If your child will be participating in virtual learning, please bring their borrowed chromebook when you pick up their supplies. A new touchscreen chromebook will be provided at this time. As a reminder, the district is purchasing all student supplies this year. A backpack is all that is needed.**

Big Cross has also had a few staffing changes this year which may have led to your child being placed with a new teacher from what was indicated on his/her report card in June. For the 2020-2021 school year, Mrs. Tyner and Mrs. Diamond will be teaching in the virtual school. Students previously assigned to Mrs. Tyner's class will now be assigned to either Mrs. Anselment or Miss Derway for the upcoming school year. Please see the enclosed sheet for your child's new teacher.

We are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year with all the possibilities it holds for new learning, friendships, and experiences. Best wishes for the remaining days of summer.

Best,

*Debbie Hall*

Principal