

Glens Falls City School District
Kensington Road Elementary School

August 2020

WELCOME BACK KRS FAMILIES! 😊

We are certainly living in unique and challenging times! Though 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 the wonderfully hot weather this summer. You will be happy to hear that the district is purchasing all student supplies this year...A backpack is all that is needed!

Though the start of the 2020-2021 school year brings its own special challenges, I am excited about seeing my KRS 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 the results of some of those conversations.

KRS, 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 covers. Students have been assigned specific drop off times at lettered doors, through which to enter in an effort to promote social distancing. With the help of our KRS PTA, footprint markers have been spray painted around the building to give students/parents a safe spot to stand prior to entering the building. Please see the arrival schedule below. Each entrance will also have a temperature check where students' hands will be scanned just inside the door. If there is a reading above 100.2°F you will be notified immediately and the established procedures and protocols will be followed.

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***

Grade 4 - 8:45 AM	Arrival to begin at 8:40	"Door A" Side Doors/Bus Ramp
Grade 3 - 8:45 AM	Arrival to begin at 8:40	"Door B" Front Doors
Grade 2 - 8:45 AM	Arrival to begin at 8:40	"Door C" Middle Doors
Grade 1 - 8:30 AM	Arrival to begin at 8:25	"Door B" Front Doors - Fearman & Krogmann
		"Door C" Middle Doors - O'Connor
Kindergarten - 8:30	Arrival to begin at 8:25	"Door C" Middle Doors - Motsiff
		"Door D" Primary Doors - Fox & Preuss

*****Please be advised that the drop off lane will not be available at arrival until further notice. It is important that safe building entry procedures, that accommodate social distancing and temperature taking, are established first. Please plan on waiting with your child until the building is open for student entry. I apologize for any inconvenience.**

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

Kindergarten - First Grade 2:15 PM
Second Grade - 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 = Wednesday, September 9th, 10:00-11:00 or 1:00-2:00
- 2 = Thursday, September 10th, 10:00-11:00 or 1:00-2:00
- 3 & 4 = Friday, September 11th, 10:00-11:00 or 1:00-2:00

If your child is entering grades 1,2, or 3 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 and they borrowed a chromebook in the spring, please bring it with you when you pick up their supplies. A new touchscreen chromebook will be provided at this time. Kindergarten virtual students will also be receiving new chromebooks when they pick up their supplies. Students entering grade 4 should have their assigned device from last school year, and will continue to use the same device this school year.

KRS has also had a few staffing changes this year...

My Administrative Assistant, Kathy Thomson, has retired and Assunta Moore has taken her place. Mrs. Moore has some big shoes to fill, but she is more than up for the challenge! Carol Brown, KRS Office Clerk, has also retired. Kathy Millard will be taking her place. Carol's friendly smile and approach have set an office precedent that Mrs. Millard is excited to continue. Kathy Madelone, our resource teacher also retired in 2020. Mrs. Madelone is enjoying time at her pool this summer while our own Mrs. Klippel has taken over the reins. Welcome and best of luck to all!

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

---John F. Kennedy

The KRS staff and I look forward to the 2020-2021 school year and all the possibilities it holds for new learning, friendships, and experiences. Best wishes for the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely Yours,

Jennifer Hayes

Principal

"KRS - Nothing less than our best."