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Community Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021

6:00 PM

CEO's Report

COVID

- Reviewing updated guidance from CDC, PDPH and PDE
- COVID Testing
  - Offered 5 weekly opportunities for staff , 2nd week for students
  - Average 15 staff and 8 students per week
  - 94 samples submitted as of 4/14/21
  - Researching vendor with a 12-24 hour turnaround time
- Cases
  - 3/24-- School bus exposure; affected students quarantined
  - 3/26 – 1st grader confirmed; students quarantined
  - 4/11 –3rd and 7th grade confirmed; already quarantined, no additional action required

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Construction

- Fencing– 95% complete
- Playground– 95% installed, door ramps hampered due to weather
- Window cleaning-- TBD
- Landscaping-- complete (shrubs, trees)
- Kitchen Inspection -- passed
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- TBD

Café Mural

- Artwork complete
- Finalizing production and installation timeline

Techademics

- Digital tools inventory and usage data
- Stakeholder focus groups

- **Racial Literacy Training**
  - Phase I concludes 4/21
  - Phase II, listening sessions (affinity groups)

- **Parent Representative to Board**
  - Elected position voted in by our families
  - Email icsboard@icscharter.com to express your interest by 4/23
  - Candidates share interest in the role with the ICS community on 5/5
  - Voting will take place electronically 5/5-5/14
  - Results announced 5/17
  - Questions can be directed to icsboard@icscharter.com

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Principal's Report

4th – 8th Grade Plan

- Fun day at the end of the year for each grade, opportunity to connect with peers and see the new building
- Learning lab continues

PSSAs

- 8th -- June 1-4, pilot computer based test
- 3rd -7th-- September 2021

Keystones

- Algebra-- May 19th & 26th

8th Grade

- June 16th in-person graduation for students only w/portions pre-recorded and streamed for families
- Special Activities in June

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Summer Program

- June 28th - August 5th, tentative dates (6 weeks)
    - In-Person Program (Grades PK-3)
        - Monday - Thursday, 6 weeks
        - 8:30 -12:30, Academics
        - 12:30- 4:00, Enrichment
    - At-Home Program (Grades 4-7)
        - STEM program w/ Camp Invention
        - Reading support, 45 minutes three times a week
        - Math support, 45 minutes three times a week
    - Family Support -- weekly engagement and support provided via zoom and tailored to each family’

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Summer Programs (*Continued*)

- Extended School Year:
    - Offered to 43 students
    - Based on ESY eligibility criteria: reading , writing, math, or behavior
- COVID Compensatory Services:
    - Offered to 29 students
    - Based on CCS eligibility criteria in reading, writing, math, or behavior.

School Year 2021-2022

- Planning for a return to in-person***
    - Dependent on data and guidance/mandates at time of opening
- Calendar available on website

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