

Friday, October 23, 2020

Dear Plaza Families,

I am extremely pleased with how well our first two weeks of in person instruction has gone for our K-6 students. With all the changes and not seeing our kids for seven months, many of us were more nervous for our first day than usual. It has been so nice having them here, even if it is only part of the week.

Next week we are bringing 7th and 8th graders back under a similar hybrid model. I am able to do this through other guidelines, and not the K-6 waiver. Although it isn't perfect and requires a little flexibility from parents and students, I think it is important to get as many kids on campus as possible while still maintaining the Glenn County Public Health Officer's strict guidelines.

If things continue to go well with all grade levels on campus and the Glenn County positive case counts remain low, I will work on getting some students on campus all week to the extent possible. Like our junior high kids, it will require some flexibility from everyone. I'll explain how it'll look in more detail when we get closer to that point. For now, our best bet to get kids on campus all week is to continue working towards moving to and then remaining on the Tier 3 for two weeks. Once the county does this, then we can open without Glenn County Public Health Officer approval. When that happens, we do not have to close again unless there is a COVID-19 outbreak on campus.

When I revised our calendar this summer due to distance learning, I didn't consider how minimum day dismissals and parent teacher conferences with students on campus would be problematic. I do not have the staffing or space to supervise and house kids for 4 hours while teachers are conducting conferences. Therefore, Friday, November 20th will be a full day of instruction and school will be dismissed at 2:15PM. Our after school program will run until 4:30PM. **Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th will be distance learning only for ALL grade levels, including the Blue group.** If this creates a daycare hardship for any K-6 Blue Group students, please let me know by Friday, November 6th. Teachers will schedule parent-teacher conferences via Zoom all day Monday and Tuesday.

Next week we will celebrate Halloween twice so both groups can participate. Since next Wednesday is Blue group, those students can dress up that day. Friday the White group will. Please remember that nothing resembling a weapon is permitted on campus. Plaza Community Club is providing treats for every student, including kids that are distance learning only all week.

I want to thank everyone for your patience and flexibility these last few months. I completely understand how challenging this has been for all of you, and I too continue to experience similar issues with my own young children who attend Chico Unified. As a parent, this has not been an easy experience. Like you, I am thankful my kids are in school now, even if it is only two hours a day.

Sincerely,

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