



Showell Elementary School

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Hello Showell families – this is Ms. Shorts – principal of Showell Elementary.

We continue to be dedicated to making every child successful and to following the Health and Safety protocols that have been put in place by Worcester County Public Schools and the Worcester County Health Department. In order to decrease the impact of constantly moving students to new teachers-every two weeks, we will be modifying our Responsible Return Recovery Plan.

So on Monday, October 12th, all students, both face-to-face and virtual, will again be with their Homeroom teacher (the teacher with whom he or she started the year). This means, each classroom teacher will be conducting both virtual and face-to-face lessons simultaneously. Because of this change, our Distance Learning Schedules must be tweaked. The new schedule can be found on the Showell School webpage (showellelementary.org) and the teacher will also be sharing it with you. If your child is in childcare, please communicate this new change with the provider.

As the County allows, we will continue to invite more students back to school for face-to-face instruction. I wish, with every phone call and/or email I receive from a parent who is frustrated with this situation and how this on-line learning is so challenging for their children, I could just open the doors to the school and let everyone in, but we all know I can't allow that to happen. So, I want to thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we move forward.

As students do return to the classroom, we are asking for their i-Pad, charger, and crayon to come with them. We have noticed that many of the chargers that have been returned are not the ones we sent home. Normally that would not be a big issue, however, we need chargers to set up our i-Pad carts in order to charge the i-Pads here at school.

There were 10 hot spots distributed in the spring that were to be returned to school because they were no longer needed. As of today, only 2 have been returned. If you are no longer in need of your hot spot, please return it to school so we can get it to another family in need.

The PTA Conference Night has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 14th. It will be a virtual format, and teachers will be asking you soon to sign up for a conference.

On a different note, it was brought to my attention that a person outside of the school setting was let into a zoom meeting with a teacher and her group of students yesterday.

The teacher thought it was a student entering late that had changed his/her name on the screen. I can't even begin to tell you how sorry I am that this occurred and how upsetting the situation is to me. I want all parents to know we are looking into ways for this to never happen again, and all members of our staff will be trained again on the proper zoom protocols.

I know many of you are working so hard to make this crazy time ok for your children. Please know, we at Showell thank you for your persistence, understanding, and willingness to help our teachers keep these wonderful students engaged. Your commitment means the world to all of us. I wish the best to you and your family.

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