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Good Morning Andover Families and Staff,

We are very excited to be welcoming you back to AES this week! As you know, our 2020-21 school year begins on Tuesday September 8th at 8:30 AM. This letter will provide you with the most updated information as it pertains to the first week of school. Your participation in parent forums, Kindergarten and Pre-K orientations and classroom meet and greets have helped to guide us in our planning for a safe and meaningful return to the classroom. Our teachers and support staff spent all of last week preparing for your arrival, and we can't wait to see you.

Here's what you need to know:

Arrivals and Dismissals: Student drop-offs begin at 8:15 AM and will end at 8:30 AM. Cars will follow one another through the upper and/or lower parking lots and drop zones ([See attached map](#)). Cars will not be permitted to pass in the drop zones for safety reasons. Student pick-ups will begin at 2:45 PM and will conclude at 3:00 PM following the same paths and procedures. Our buses will follow the cars through the drop zones at 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM daily. If you arrive late, you will be required to wait until the buses clear and then use the main entrance for any drop-offs or pick-ups by parking your car and walking up to the door. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during the first few days of these new procedures.

Bus Routes and Times: Please log onto [Dattco's website](#) for bus stops and times. Plan to be at the bus stop 5-10 minutes before your scheduled time. Student seating has been pre-assigned on each bus to maximize physical distancing and safety. There will be a bus monitor on each bus to support our students and the driver in following safety protocols. Our bus monitors are AES staff members.

Windshield Decals and Vehicle Listing: Each AES family will receive one windshield decal per car that they plan to use for drop-offs and/or pick-ups. These decals will adhere to the inside of your windshield and will assist our staff in identifying you and your car as you arrive. Please complete the [attached vehicle registration form](#) and return it to school either in paper or electronically and we will provide you with your decals.

Daily Home Screening: We are asking each of our families and each of our staff members to conduct a daily screening at home before leaving for school. This screening includes a

temperature check and a self-assessment of symptoms. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 or greater is strongly encouraged to remain home. Please see the attached CDC Screening Checklist.

Daily Temperature Checks at School: Staff and students will have their temperatures checked daily at AES. During the first four days of school, temperatures will be checked upon arrival. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 or greater will be detained and rechecked after 15 minutes. After that, temperatures will be checked after the students have settled into their classrooms.

Social Emotional Survey: As part of our school reopening plan, our committee recommended that we offer a survey to all of our families that addresses the social and emotional needs of our students and families. We spent a great deal of time working with our staff this week on our own social and emotional well-being as well as how to support our students and their families. Please take a few moments to complete the attached survey: <https://forms.gle/WESzM4Qa8rozTgvm6>

Mask Wearing: Our school nurse, Karen Zito, created a video that demonstrates proper mask wearing and storing techniques. You can view it here: <https://youtu.be/1Lsc8meB-4U>

Yearbooks: Yearbooks from the 2019-20 school year have arrived. Anyone who ordered yearbooks will receive them during the first week of school. 7th graders will be contacted and can make arrangements to pick-up their yearbook. Anyone wishing to order a yearbook may email Melissa Loteczka at loteczka@andoverelementaryct.org.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your support.

See you Tuesday!

John

Attachments:

Drop-off Zones

Vehicle Identification form

CDC Home Screening