

Colrain Central School News

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TRANSITIONING TO HYBRID

We will be transitioning to our hybrid model beginning next week for our students in grades PK-2. Students in grades 3-6 will transition on Monday, Jan. 25th. While we are super excited to be welcoming students back in person, there are a lot of changes that have had to be made in order to comply with the COVID guidance from the state. I want to make you aware of a few of the more major changes so that you know what to expect if your child is returning to in person learning.

- **Arrival/Dismissal routines** have been altered. Buses will be loading and unloading in the front of the school and parent pickups will happen in the back parking lot. We will have lots of staff outside to help direct traffic and help students in and out of cars if necessary. If you are transporting your child, please follow the direction of staff members to ensure everyone is safe. If you have not already received it, you will be given a laminated paper to place on your dashboard to help us more quickly identify your family and who you will need to be picking up. When you pull around to the back parking lot, please pull all the way up to the cone and park to form a pickup line there. Please do not exit your car. We will bring your children to you. As this is a brand new design, we will be making adjustments as we see how it's working. We thank you for your patience.
- **Entrance into the building** is very limited, including for family members. We have installed a window in the vestibule so that if you need to pick something up or drop something off, you can do so without having to come all the way into the building. We are trying to do all we can to minimize exposure and risk. Thank you for understanding.
- **Room reassignment:** In order to be able to comply with the 6 foot regulation and still bring all students back in one cohort, we have reassigned some classrooms. Students in 6th grade will be learning in what has been the 2nd grade classroom. 2nd graders will move into the former 6th grade classroom. Similarly, 3rd and 5th grades have swapped classrooms as well.

- **Bathrooms:** In order to limit bathroom use to one student at a time, we have assigned students in grades 1, 5, and 6 to one of the bathrooms down by the cafeteria. Students in grades 2-4 will be using the bathrooms at the intersection, but only one student at a time. Teachers will be reviewing all of this with students and teaching them all of our new routines.
- **End of day changes:** If something comes up and you need to change your child's after school plans, please contact Mrs. White in the front office by 2:30.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

Please be sure that your child comes to school equipped with appropriate cold weather clothing. Many classrooms will be spending significant time engaged in outdoor learning, as well as taking mask breaks throughout the day. It is critical that your child be prepared to be outside for large chunks of time when they are at school.

If your child does not have appropriate clothing, please reach out and we will be more than happy to help.

FOOD SERVICE

When we move into the hybrid model, families will be able to pick up meals for their students when they drop them off at school. Distribution days will remain the same (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). If your child will be riding the bus, or if you are choosing to stay fully remote, you can still come between 12-1 to pick up their meals. If you are not currently receiving the free school meals and would like to once we transition to the hybrid model, please contact Ms. Tina and let her know.

If you have signed up for lunch and something comes up and you are unable to pick up the meals, please call the school or email tcrossman@mtrsd.org to let us know. We want to make sure we are not wasting food.

BUS ROUTES

Bus routes have been developed to accommodate those students who indicated on the registration forms that they would need transportation. The routes are different and the buses have a reduced capacity due to COVID requirements. If you did not register for transportation, your child is not currently on a bus route. If you have a change in your needs that will require transportation, please contact the office or Robin Pease to have them added.

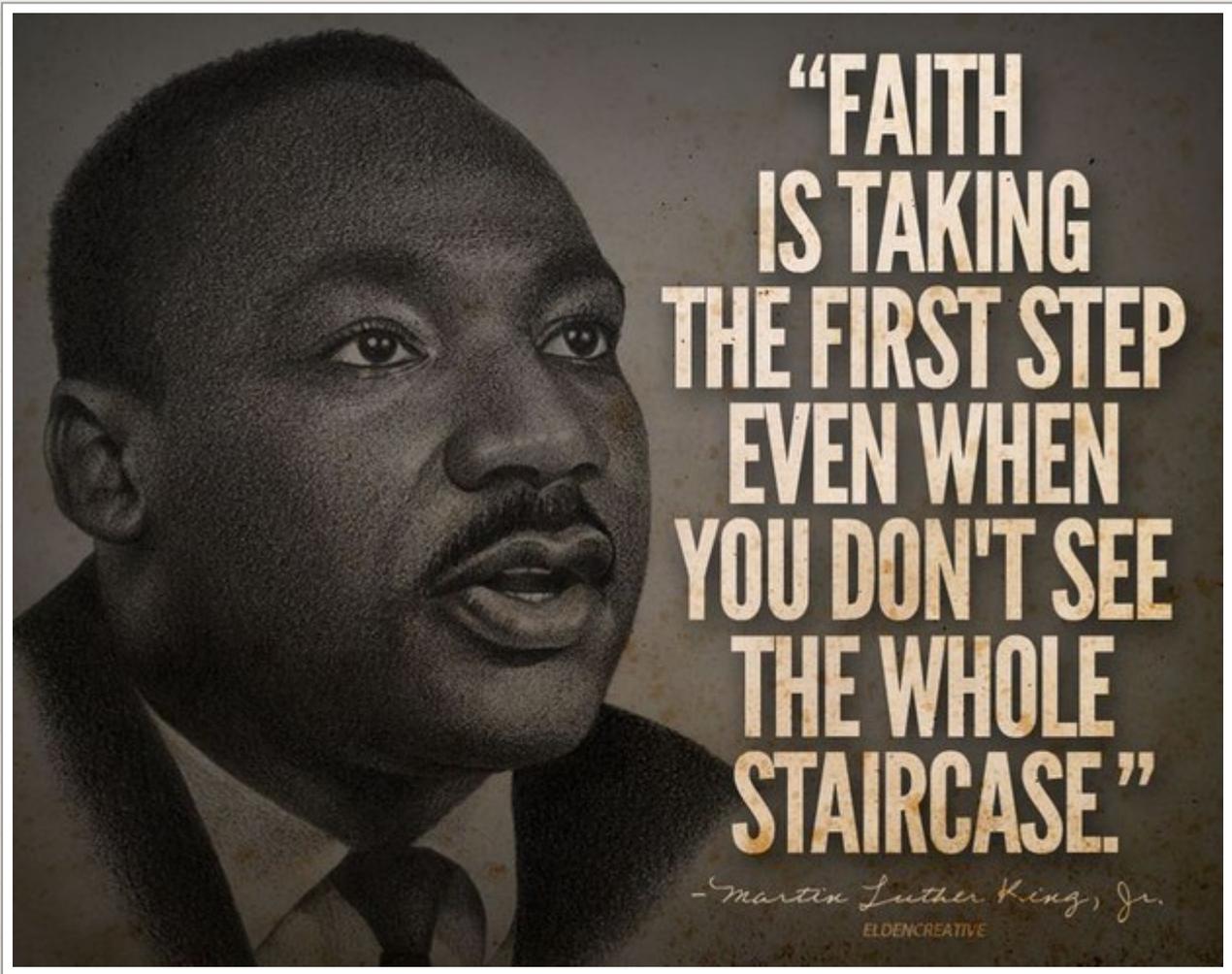
JANUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday 1:50 Dismissals:

- 1/20, 1/27

No School:

- 1/18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr



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