

October 29, 2020

Friends and Family of Addenbrooke K-8,

We made it through October and tomorrow we are going to party in costumes in our classrooms to celebrate, don't worry we will take lots of pictures to share with you all.

As a small reminder the Covid case numbers are rising throughout the metro area and Jeffco is no exception. It is imperative that we use common sense in our approach to this communicable disease. If your child is not feeling well or has been tested for Covid and does not have results, please do not allow them to attend school or school activities. We have had several instances of students needing to quarantine because of these types of issues. We must all work together to keep our schools open.

To continue in-person learning over the entire year EVERYONE must do their part. Being so cautious is a pain, I know, and so hard to do, but the following things MUST happen for us to manage our own Covid numbers and contribute to not only our school remaining open, but also schools state-wide.

**YOU MUST** – Keep your student home with ANY SYMPTOMS OR EXPOSURE.

**YOU MUST** – Keep your student home if THEY HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID until the results come back, EVEN IF THEY SHOW NO SYMPTOMS.

**YOU MUST** – Keep your student home IF YOU KNOW THERE IS A CHANCE THEY ARE SICK.

**YOU MUST** – Report ANY knowledge of possible exposure, illness or testing to the school

**YOU MUST**- Exercise an abundance of caution and take no chances with exposures.

**Remember, if someone tests positive and has no symptoms, they can still be contagious.**

While it is hard for our kids to miss important things, I invite you to consider the wider view. I have spoken with many families who may have exposed their elderly and sick loved-ones because the school did not have timely knowledge about an exposure. Informing the school is extremely important. Someone's life may depend on it.

How well our community makes it through this is very much in your hands. The level of caution you choose affects so many people. The more cautious we are about this thing, the greater chance our school will stay open to serve our students and families.

Canned Food Drive began this week. We are asking students to bring in cans to donate to a local food bank. The cans will be placed around the inside school walls and if we wrap all the way around the school there will be a special event for all.

Students in all grades are invited to wear their costumes to school tomorrow. We will be having Halloween parties in the morning from approximately 8:00 to 9:00 am for PreK-5th grade. Middle School students will be having some fun activities in the afternoon for students with grades C and better in all classes. Remote Learners, you are invited to send me a picture of you in your costume and I will share some of them!

On Election Day, our students will also be voting. We have made the PreK-8 yearbook a separate entity from the High School yearbook this year and our students will be voting on their favorite cover this year. Mr. and Mrs. Hagan have been instrumental in getting this Mock Election opportunity for the students in K-8. I can't wait to see what the students decide.

November 4th will be our next dress-out-of-uniform day. Remember this does cost a dollar but the kids can wear any school appropriate outfit. They are also allowed to wear hoodies and sweats of any sorts on this day.

Finally, we have one more opportunity for families to purchase the ACA sweatshirt or ACA masks order before November 4th. The link to purchase is [Addenbrooke Sweatshirts and Masks Store](#) .

Have a great week and stay healthy,

Julie Spencer