

Sent September 1, 2020

Greetings, Roosevelt Community:

Summer is officially drawing to a close this week ... staff returns for some intense prep and planning this Tuesday, September 1. We're eager to be focusing on priority content standards to deliver with clarity, care, and compassion when school begins the week of September 14.

Please note this week it will be very difficult for me and Mike to respond to emails in a timely manner. We will all be in professional development meetings for our new learning management system Canvas, working with teams for content and grade-level specific planning, and finalizing details around new systems of management and support. Thanks for your understanding and patience!

### **Attachments to this email**

Attached to this email are several documents. Thanks for reading through and familiarizing yourself with the content:

**1) Our back-to-school newsletter.** As you might imagine, some information has changed for this year! And, some info might look very familiar. Either way, we hope it is useful!

**2) 4J\_Annual\_Permissions\_2020-21.** It seems unlikely we'll be taking any field trips this year, but a teacher may recommend a film for students, for example, and we want you to be prepared.

**3) 2020-21-Annual-Notice-of-Legal-Rights-and-opt-out-forms.** Federal and state laws give certain rights to parents and to students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") relating to topics including education records, directory information, privacy, surveys, statewide assessments, and human sexuality education. The purpose of this notice is to provide you with information about these rights and the opportunity to opt out of certain directory disclosures and human sexuality instruction.

**4) CDL Expectations and Norms.** Last spring, RMS staff drafted a responsibility grid which we have now updated for the fall. Please take a moment to review this information with your student so they can be prepared for learning this fall.

### **5 & 6) Weekly schedule and year-long calendar.**

The district has developed student schedules for Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). With our teachers, we will determine exactly how the schedule will work for staff and our community

and you will receive more information from teachers as we move forward. A few important considerations for all of us:

- This is an entirely new type of schedule with both synchronous and asynchronous learning:
  - Synchronous learning happens in real time in the afternoons only.
  - Asynchronous learning happens when learning is most convenient for students and families. In the schedule from the district, mornings are blocked out for this purpose.
- We are very conscious about balancing two opposing ideas: it is great to have students connect via video conferencing and to feel more connected to their school community and too much screen time, especially video conferencing, can be overwhelming and numbing.
- We will share student schedules as soon as possible -- potentially by the end of next week. At this point, due to a number of factors, including shifting middle school enrollment to Eugene Online Academy, we do not have the requisite information we need to finalize our master schedule to share student schedules.

Completed permission and opt out forms (#2 and #3 above) may be mailed to Roosevelt (500 E. 24th Ave. Eugene, OR 97405) or dropped in the locked drop box in Roosevelt's entry vestibule or returned by email to [kingzett@4j.lane.edu](mailto:kingzett@4j.lane.edu). If you have any questions, or prefer to receive a paper copy of the permission and opt out forms, please call our school secretary at 541-790-8500.

### **The First Week of School**

On Monday, September 14, 6th grade students will attend a special orientation on Zoom run by our student CORE (Creating Our Roosevelt Environment) leaders in the morning. CORE leaders will be supported by our teacher team and by House advisors. We will send a special invitation to 6th grade families at the end of next week with times and Zoom codes.

Seventh and eighth grade students will attend a special House session in the afternoon on Monday, September 14. Times and Zoom codes are TBA.

House will be crucially important to students this year. It is the only class that meets four times during the week and is foundational to the Roosevelt program. In addition to its focus on

building strong, positive relationships, House is the place for students to get vital information, connect expressly across grades and share experiences about CDL. Your student's House advisor is also an important contact for your family to ask questions and share concerns. We will confirm House advisors once schedules are finalized.

### **Staffing Updates**

We are so excited to share we have another stellar hire, this time in Social Studies. Please join me in welcoming **Drew White** to our staff! Before moving to Oregon, Drew was a social studies teacher in Wisconsin and most recently, he was a behavior consultant for 4j. Drew is an articulate, passionate, and exciting addition to our staff and we can't wait for you to meet him.

We have one more hire to go in English Language Arts and anticipate finalizing the position by early this week.

### **iPad Distribution**

Two more rounds, everyone! **Thursday, September 3** and **Thursday, September 10**, please swing by between 8 am and 4 pm to grab yours ... masks and social distancing, please. Thanks!

Again, thanks for reading carefully and we'll make any clarifications and share new ideas in our next weekly update the week of September 7.

Our best,  
Courtney and Mike