

Superintendent's Update Montville Public Schools



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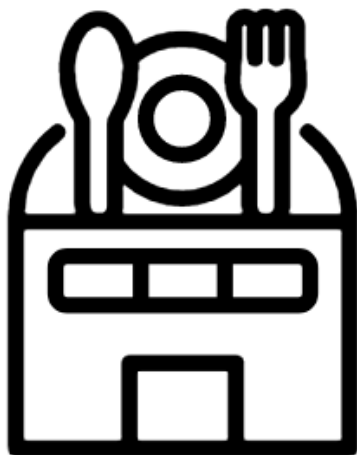


Week Two of School

From our perspective, students and staff are adjusting extremely well to the changes we have made this year. They are coming to school (in-person or remotely) ready to learn and are active participants in their classes. Teachers have launched their first academic units and are incorporating activities to promote social and emotional learning.

We have begun annual fall reading assessments in grades K-5, and we are pleased with preliminary results showing students' growth last year.

We are working through some glitches with technology. Our e-support staff are trying to respond to issues as quickly as possible.



Online Ordering for School Meals

Changes to Grab and Go Meals for Remote Learners

We have created a survey to ensure we prepare the correct number of meals for our distance learners. Beginning Sunday evening, please complete this [survey](#) before 5:00 p.m. to sign up for meals to pick up the next day. You can pick up meals for three days at a time.

We have added an early pick up time at Montville High School so that meal pick-up does not conflict with elementary online morning meetings. Meals will be available for pick up from 8:00-8:15 at MHS only as well as 9:00-9:30 at both MHS and Mohegan. Meals are available to all at no charge.

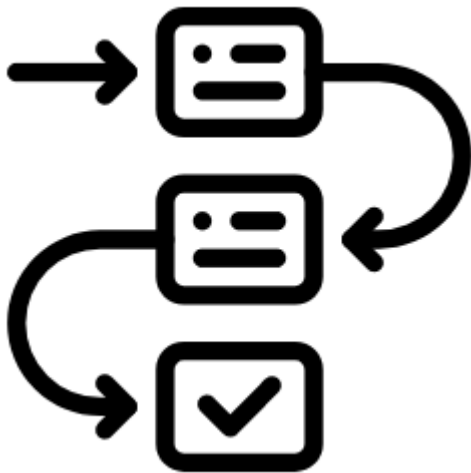


Next Week's Schedule

Cohort 1 will attend classes on Monday and Tuesday, 9/21 and 9/22. For Tyl and MHS students Monday is an A day; Tuesday is a B day.

Cohort 2 will attend classes on Thursday and Friday, 9/24 and 9/25. For Tyl and MHS students Thursday is an A day; Friday is a B day.

Wednesday, 9/23 is a distance learning day for all students. For Tyl and MHS students Wednesday is an A day.



Future Plans

The Board will hold a special meeting at the beginning of October to review community health conditions, our re-entry plans, and input from the Uncas Health District in hopes that we can set a date to transition to full in-person learning.

Our purpose for beginning school in the hybrid model is being realized; students are following protocols, and we have refined plans based upon observations. Our next step will to review plans for increased numbers of students in classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, playgrounds, and buses. We will be in close communication before we make a decision to bring both cohorts back to school all week.

At the beginning of October, we will send a survey out to community members to gather feedback about the first month of school and next steps.



Health

We used our Medical Care Rooms in several schools this week for students who were ill, and our procedures to quickly isolate potentially contagious students worked well. In each case, student test results have been negative.

Please continue to use our [self-monitoring form](#) daily to ensure that students stay home when they have any symptoms related to COVID-19.

Students who have been exposed to a person with a positive test result are required to stay home even if they do not exhibit symptoms.



Blended Learning

Several parents have asked questions about why we are not live-streaming classes to our distance cohorts and fully remote students. We do not have the technology infrastructure to open live Zoom meetings in every classroom at the same time. We are trying to set up live meetings at staggered times during the day so that elementary students at home have opportunities to connect with their class and small groups of secondary teachers are opening live classes as we evaluate our capacity to livestream lessons. The Board has heard parents' concerns, and based upon a report which our IT director gave to the Board last fall, they are aware of the age of our switches and related infrastructure.

Support is available if you encounter issues using your device. Email esupport@montvilleschools.org and one of our IT staff members will reach out to you.



**It will feel
like fall this
weekend...
Enjoy!**