

CC Bobcat Blast

OCTOBER 11, 2020

A NOTE FROM MS. MCNEILL

Dear Copper Creek Families,

This first week with all the in-person students back, went *amazingly* well. Our students followed the new routines and procedures with their teachers without missing a beat!

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to thank all of you for sending us the best Bobcats ever! Our special thanks go out to our Copper Creek parents for their continued patience and support, as we learn to adapt and to navigate through our new normal.

Here at Copper Creek, our top priority is in keeping all of our students and staff safe and healthy. We understand that some of our new procedures, which are non-negotiables, can be a bit challenging. This includes the wearing of masks while outdoor temperatures soar to over a hundred degrees.

Additionally, one of the most important **non-negotiables**, is the adjustment of our Health Office protocols and procedures. In accordance with the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Maricopa Department of Public Health, and the Arizona Department of Health Services, all DVUSD Health Offices will be operating under a **Low Threshold for Illness**. Simply stated, all DVUSD CC students and staff who do not feel well will need to stay home. Although this will create challenges for each of us in some way, we must work together and support measures that may not be easy, but which help to ensure the health of everyone.

We are so fortunate to have Nurse Sara at the helm of our Health Office. Many parents have contacted her with questions and concerns and she is always happy to help. I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work with Nurse Sara over the years....in fact during the N1H1 flu we worked as a team to navigate health and safety measures for our school community. During this pandemic, I could not think of a better person and health professional to have on our Copper Creek Team. Please read the "Nurse's Note" regarding the details of a **Low Threshold for Illness**. As we all know, unprecedented times require unprecedented measures.

Have a wonderful 4 day weekend!

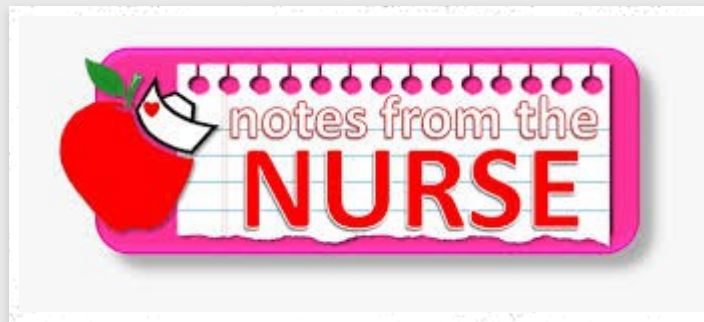
Go Bobcats!

K. McNeill, Principal



PTSA POST

Information regarding PTSA membership will be coming soon. Please do not forget to check out our CC PTSA website, <https://www.ccptsa.com/>. Thank you for your continued support and welcome back Bobcats!



NOTES FROM NURSE SARA

I'm sure that most of you have read the Monday evening parent email to parents regarding when to keep your child home from school. These are the same guidelines that all nurses in DVUSD use when evaluating students in the Health Office. We will evaluate students with chronic conditions such as allergies on a case by case basis.

I hope that the following chart (Symptoms of Covid-19) will help you better understand the rationale for such strict guidelines for school attendance. In years past, minor symptoms of illness were exactly that. During a pandemic, they cannot be ignored.









Approximately 13% of all COVID-19 cases in Maricopa County to date have been among kids ages 0-19


- The majority (over 75%) of all children with positive COVID-19 tests reported at least one symptom – The most common symptoms reported are similar to many viral infections – fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, cold symptoms, or diarrhea
- Pre-school children have fewer symptoms overall – Fever is the most common symptom in preschool children


- More than half of elementary school aged children reported fever and/or headache
- Children age 12 and over reported more symptoms overall – Over half reported fatigue, headache, muscle aches and loss of taste and smell. – Less than half report fever.

Thank you all once again your efforts to keep our staff and students healthy this year! I am never too busy to take you phone calls or emails if you have questions about the new guidelines regarding symptoms of illness.

Symptoms of COVID-19

| Symptoms of COVID-19 | Strep Throat | Common Cold | Flu | Asthma | Seasonal Allergies |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----|--------|--------------------|
| FEVER  | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| COUGH  | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| SORE THROAT  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| SHORTNESS OF BREATH  | | | | ✓ | |
| FATIGUE  | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DIARRHEA OR VOMITING  | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| RUNNY NOSE  | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| BODY/ MUSCLE ACHEs  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |

 Symptom of illness



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IMPORT DATES

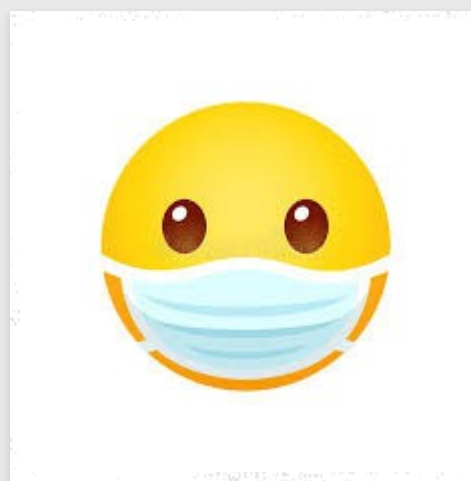
- Monday, Oct 12th - No School - Fall Break Day
- Tuesday, Oct 13th - No School - Fall Break Day
- **Friday, Oct 16th - FULL DAY** (no early release)
- Thursday, Oct 22 - Half Day - Release time: 11:50 a.m.
- Friday, Oct 23 - Half Day - Release time: 11:50 a.m.
- Friday, Oct 30 - Early Release (90 Mins) - Release time: 1:45 p.m.



FRIENDLY REMINDER!! ATTENDANCE LINE

Please call our attendance line to report your child's absence at **623-376-3990**.

You may call at any time of the day. Thank you!



MASK REMINDER

Hello Bobcat Families,

Just a quick reminder that face masks are required for all parents, students, staff and family members while on campus, and when students are riding the bus.

This is a DVUSD mandate and is consistent with Maricopa County Department of Public Health's Face Covering Guidance.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in donning a face mask when dropping off and picking up students, this includes parents and/or family members who are on foot and meeting their child on school grounds.

Parents/family members remaining in their vehicles during drop off and pickup are not required to wear a mask. Please understand this is out of an abundance of caution and to help students, staff and our community remain healthy.

If you should have further questions, please refer to the [September 18 DVUSD Parent Update](#) or feel free to contact either of us. Again, thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

