July 16, 2020

Dear TK Families,

Many of you have been wondering about options for the new school year and what a return to in-person learning will look like for students. I hope this communication will help you make decisions based on what you believe will be best for your children and your family.

TK will offer two options for all students for the 2020-2021 school year:

1) Traditional in-person learning with students and teachers in classrooms with the required safety protocols.

2) TK Virtual School (TKVS) where students will have on-line learning but still be a registered TK student.

If you choose the TKVS, your student will remain a TK student and may opt for in-person instruction for the second semester, if desired. They will be eligible to participate in sports or other extracurricular activities as the district is able to offer. Once a student is enrolled in the TKVS, they must stay enrolled for the duration of the semester.

Should we be required to close all in-person learning again, plans are in place for continued remote learning. Please note: This will not be the remote learning we provided in March, April, and May of last school year. Those were different times, had different requirements, and were not meant to comprehensively replace normal school instruction. The remote plan we are designing for the Fall of 2020 is meant to be school. Students will have a schedule of instruction, robust teacher instruction with daily interaction, and a philosophy that reflects a typical school day as if he/she were physically attending. There will be attendance, grades, participation, a great deal of teacher/student interaction, and the similar expectations of both the student and our staff in regards to the learning that is meant to take place.

We know there are going to be many more questions as we all try to navigate through this ever-changing world we now live in. As mandates from the state change, we will adjust our plans accordingly and communicate them to you.

TK Virtual School Enrollment
If your child will be enrolling in the TK Virtual School, you must complete this enrollment survey by August 7th.

Thank you for your continued support of TK Schools. We can’t wait to welcome students this fall – together we are TK Strong! (Please continue reading to the next page regarding what students can expect for in-person and virtual learning.)

Sincerely,

Robert Blitchok
Superintendent
Thornapple Kellogg Schools
Learning Options for 2020-2021

Option 1 - Traditional In-Person Learning – What to Expect for All Students
(Phase 4 of State Re-Opening)

- TK will follow all required components of the Michigan Safe Schools Roadmap.
- In-person traditional instruction.
- Facial coverings must be worn by preK-12 students, staff, and bus drivers during school transportation. Also, students are required to use hand sanitizer prior to boarding a bus. The district will supply the hand sanitizer.
- Any student or staff who is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one.
- There are numerous cleaning protocols that must be followed which we will be prepared to do once school starts.
- We are required to cooperate with the county health department regarding protocols for screening students and staff as well as how to respond to positive tests from students and staff. These protocols will be in place prior to the start of school.
- Phase 5 of state reopening guidelines will further reduce some requirements.
- If our area moves back to Phase 3, the district will be required to close all buildings and we will move to our remote learning plan until we move back to Phase 4.

Elementary Schools
- Students K-5 are not required to wear facial coverings inside their classrooms and do not come into close contact with students in other classes.
- Facial coverings must always be worn in hallways and common areas by preK-12 students in the building except during meals.
- All students will likely be served lunch in classrooms as indoor gatherings bringing together students from more than one classroom are prohibited.
- Recess will be outside by class and with social distancing.
- Elementary specials – such as music, library and art – will continue. As much as possible, these specials will occur in the individual classrooms.
- Physical Education classes will be provided outside as much as possible.

Middle School and High School
- Facial coverings will be required for students in grades 6-12 in classrooms and while moving in hallways.
- All students will likely be served lunch in classrooms as indoor gatherings bringing together students from more than one classroom are prohibited.
- All courses will be offered
- In terms of Athletics, we will follow the guidance from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Option 2 – TK Virtual School – What to Expect for All K-12 Students

- TK will partner with Edgenuity, a leading provider of online instruction and curriculum.
- Students will still be enrolled as a TK student
- Minimum one semester commitment - once signed up for this option, students must complete at least one semester in the virtual school.
- Engaging and challenging 100% online curriculum
• TK grading and teacher feedback
• TK mentor assigned to each student
• Chromebook available for all students
• Students will still be considered TK students and will be eligible to participate in athletics or any other available extracurricular activities.
• Flexible options for work completion
• Full schedule of classes provided

Below are links for you to try out the TK Virtual School. Please be aware that this site may have some small changes by the time the school year starts, so things may look a little different by the time your student begins virtual instruction.

High School Demonstration
Website: https://auth.edgenuity.com/Login/Login/Student
  User Name: TommyTrojan
  Password: GoTrojans

Middle School Demonstration
Website: https://auth.edgenuity.com/Login/Login/Student
  User Name: TriciaTrojan
  Password: GoTrojans

Elementary School Demonstration
Website: https://sislogin.edgenuity.com
  Username: elemdemo541
  Password: DemoStudent
  This demo has numerous courses; your student will be enrolled in a fewer number of courses.