

NEWS FROM THE HIVE

INFO, REMINDERS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ESSA FAMILIES



UPDATE: SCIENCE NIGHT

A CHANGE OF DATE!

As a STEAM school, one of the events we most look forward to hosting is our Science Night, during which a variety of companies and organizations visit our school and lead attendees in fascinating experiments and activities. It had been scheduled for Friday, January 28. However, the rise in COVID cases has resulted in those invited groups being so short-staffed that they aren't able to participate. In addition, we feel it best to not host such a well-attended event at this point, given the virus's increasing numbers. Therefore, we are combining Science Night with our Family STEAM Game & Kickball Event, which will be taking place Friday, April 29 instead. Please mark your calendars now for this fun and educational evening!

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Because of the aforementioned cancellation of the 2022 Science Night (and because January and February have fewer school days than a typical month), the next issue of **The ESSA Gazette** will be sent out at the end of February.

We will keep you informed of any important information in the interim.



COVID SAFETY

We're all ready for our lives to be COVID-free. Sadly, it seems like this virus is here to stay. Thus vigilance is vital to help keep each other safe. Please always ensure that your child has a well-fitting mask on upon arrival at school, along with extra masks for the day. In addition, remember that all students are required to have a refillable water bottle each day. Most importantly, **please keep your child (and his/her siblings!) home if he/she is experiencing any symptoms or if he/she has had direct exposure to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID.** We sincerely appreciate parents who are getting their kids tested before returning to school after an illness. Thanks for doing your part to keep us all healthy!

Is it Flu or is it COVID-19?

COVID-19 and influenza can cause similar symptoms. Influenza symptoms show up 1-4 days after you are exposed to a sick person. COVID-19 symptoms appear 2-14 days after being exposed.

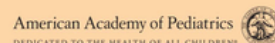
Common symptoms of BOTH influenza and COVID-19

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| • Fever/chills | • Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing | • Muscle or body aches | • Stuffy, runny nose |
| • Cough | • Extreme tiredness | • Headache | • Vomiting and diarrhea |

Symptom more common in COVID-19: **Loss of taste or smell**

If your child is sick:

- Children with symptoms should stay home from school or child care.
- If your child has been exposed to COVID-19, or you are concerned about your child's symptoms, call your pediatrician immediately.
- Everyone 6 months old and up should get the flu vaccine every year to stay healthy and **#FightFlu!**



REPORT CARDS

By Monday, January 10, all ESSA parents will be receiving a link to the TeacherEase program to retrieve report cards for Quarter 2. If you haven't received the link by next Tuesday, or if you have trouble accessing your child's report card, please send us a message through ClassDojo. Thanks!