

Dear Junior High Parents and Students,

October 13, 2020

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through these unprecedented challenges. Because the health department metrics are good for Yavapai County we are finally ready to allow all students in grades K-8 back on campus. However because of COVID we do need to make some changes for health and safety.

Drop off will be between 7:45 and 8:15 in the Copper Hill Driveway. We will be taking temperatures and apologize if there is a slight traffic back up. I expect Monday to be a bit crazy but things will get better if we are all patient. Remember that masks are required and waivers must be signed if children are returning to campus.

Some of our families have chosen to remain online. An email was sent to all families who have students that will continue working online for quarter 2 that begins on Monday, October 19, 2020. Please remember that this decision must be adhered to for the entire 2nd quarter. If you are planning on staying online and did not receive an email, please email Ms. Fitch immediately. (beckyfitch@fppspv.net)

Because of this we have made some exciting changes that we feel will make the online experience even better for our students. After investigating many online platforms, as well as considering making the teachers divide their time between in person and distance learners, we have purchased subscriptions to an online platform called Power School. This platform will allow families to experience a tested, effective curriculum that was specifically designed for online use. While students will not be zooming with the regular classroom teachers, special area teachers will continue with online lessons so that the children remain connected with the school and their peers.

Because the classroom teachers for math, English, social studies and science, may not have time to answer curriculum questions we have hired a new teacher to specifically supervise the online students. We are very pleased to introduce Mr. William Allen. Mr. Allen taught previously for Franklin School and has a BA. in Computer Animation. He is a parent of children who attend the school and his wife manages our cafeteria. Mr. Allen worked closely with Dr. Franklin to create the phonogram videos which are the basis of our primary reading curriculum.

Mr. Allen is experienced with writing, mathematics, science technology etc. and has fingerprint clearance and background checks in place. He will be available during the day to help with curricular and technical issues to hopefully make the online learning experience even better than it has been so far this year.

We wish to do everything possible to help our families get through these difficult times. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Mr. William Allen 1-480-442-1063

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Available for phone calls during regular school hours:

8:00AM-3:30PM M-Th and 8:00AM - 1:00 PM on Fridays

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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