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Good Afternoon Families,

Last week, we welcomed all students back to school for a full week of remote learning. In addition, we were so excited to have Pre-K students back in their classrooms and we look forward to seeing the remainder of our Blended Learning students in school this week.

Last week, all grades experienced full remote schedules comprised of synchronous and asynchronous learning activities. Teachers scheduled time to review identified gaps in instruction as a result of our transition to full remote learning last spring and continued the “Bridge to School” with Social Emotional Learning activities. We also worked hard to build a sense of community within the virtual classroom, and we began to introduce the curriculum for the current school year.

The schedules that were in place last week are different from the Blended Remote/Full Remote schedules that will begin this week. Your homeroom teacher should have shared this week’s Blended/Remote schedules with you on your Google Classroom. We have one teacher on each grade, Pre-K-5 identified as the Remote teacher. The Remote teacher will support all remote students on a given day. If your child is a Full Remote student, the daily schedule will identify which cohort they should join. Middle School classes have full remote schedules with different teachers.

This year, our cluster teachers (art, music, phys. ed.) will not be seeing all students inside the school building. In an effort to reduce contact between teachers and different groups of students, cluster teachers will be in person with certain grades and provide on-line, asynchronous learning activities to the rest of their students. Students may access the asynchronous cluster lessons during their instructional lunch period on remote days.

In grades K-4, we are beginning the year with one whole class meet each day where all students (in school and at home) come together. This will occur during the Instructional Lunch period. Teachers will arrange meets with the remote students who will join the in-person students virtually for whole class read alouds, social emotional learning, and community building activities. These meetings will be approximately 20 minutes and teachers will share specific times and meeting codes with families. We are holding off on our morning meetings for now as we want to work out any kinks in arrival procedures and remote schedules.

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We will be adding an Advisory schedule for grades 5-8 soon. This will also be a period where remote and in-person students come together with their homeroom teacher for social emotional and community building activities.

Student attendance will be taken every day whether students are in school or remote. If remote students have any attendance issues for a particular day, please email your homeroom teacher.

We are so excited to begin this new phase of our Return to School. Without students, the building lacks the energy and enthusiasm that makes it so special. We look forward to the day we can all be back, but until then, we welcome our smaller groups with anticipation and excitement!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

<b>September 28 - October 2</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-K and K	No School in honor of Yom Kippur	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B
Grades 1-8	No School in honor of Yom Kippur	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort C