October 7, 2021

Dear Bromfield Community:

We hope you had a great week. It was a pleasure to “see” so many of you last week at the Administration Dessert. As a reminder, if you have not seen the videos created by our staff, here is a link to the slide deck of those videos: TBS Virtual Open House. You can also access the slide deck via the school website.

As we get ready for the long weekend, we wanted to update you on several items. Students will be dismissed at **11:20 tomorrow (Friday, October 8)**. Please realize that there will not be any breakfast or lunch served at Bromfield tomorrow. The Bromfield School staff will participate in professional development centered on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**Midpoint of Term 1:**

It is hard to believe that the midpoint of the first term was Tuesday. Teacher gradebooks should be updated so you can check the progress of your student in each of their classes. If any students are receiving a D or F for the quarter, the teacher should be contacting you directly via email or phone.

If you have any questions or concerns about a specific course, please contact the teacher of that course. Please remember that while we strive to answer emails within 24 hours of receiving them, emails sent on Friday may not be returned until after the weekend.

**Lunch and (Breakfast!):**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that free meals would be available to all students during the 2021-2022 school year. Recently our district (and others) have encountered food & supplies issues. All of the vendors are experiencing major delays, understaffing and fulfillment issues. As a result, we are limiting the availability to purchase a second hot lunch. We want all the students to be able to receive their first hot lunch, students who would like to purchase a second lunch at the same time they can do so by purchasing a cold lunch. This helps to ensure all students have access to hot lunches while also reducing potential waste. To be considered as a school lunch the students have an option to get a hot or cold main meal, sides that include fruits and vegetables, milk and juice. Additionally we do offer a variety of snacks and beverages at the Bromfield school that are available for an added cost. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Eleni Burns at 978-456-4140 or eburns@psharvard.org

In coordination with students being able to go to the cafeteria at 7:00am, students will be able to obtain a free breakfast in the morning. The breakfast will need to be consumed in the cafeteria before school or it can be saved for the morning mask break or lunch. The food will be available from 7:00 to 8:00am each morning.
Masks:

As you know masks are mandated by the DESE for all students and staff while in the building. We are noticing that a number of students are not wearing their masks over their noses. Please support us by reminding your children to wear their masks properly. We are going to start contacting parents of students who are having trouble adhering to this school and district rule. Keeping the masks over the mouth and nose helps us to continue to have a safe environment for all.

In addition, please make sure your student has a supply of masks. While we will give masks to students who need them, we are giving a large number of masks to students each day. We want to make sure that we have enough supplies.

Vaccination Status of Students:

If your child has been vaccinated for Covid, please send a copy of the documentation to the school nursing department. You can email Colleen Nigzus (cnigzus@psharvard.org) or Jessican Capobianco (jcapobianco@psharvard.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Harvard Schools Trust Support:

The Harvard Schools Trust is an important educational partner with us. The emergency card that was sent out at the start of the year included a question that allowed the PTO to contact families directly and was supposed to include a similar question for the Harvard Schools Trust. This would provide them with the chance to inform you of their upcoming events and grant writing opportunities. We would like to provide them with this permission if you checked the box for the PTO. If this is not agreeable to you, please contact the school principal at shoffman@psharvard.org.

Please drop by the Flea Market on Saturday as this is one of HST largest fundraisers and is a great deal of fun for all!

A Message from the PTO:

Come visit the PTO booth at the Harvard Flea Market on Sat. 10/9 where we'll be selling PTO totes, water bottles & sunglasses to support Harvard schools.
Also...
The PTO needs YOU in order to grow, to generate new ideas, to fundraise and to support our students.
It's not too late to become a PTO Member for the 2021/2022 School Year.
Join us today! Harvard Schools PTO - Membership

Bromfield Cares:
Here is the latest news from Bromfield Cares: The students are doing a fabulous job of supporting the community. Newsletter - October ‘21
Have a great long weekend!

All our best,

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