



Abner Gibbs Eagle News

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Dear Abner Families:

While our school year has begun in a manner unlike any other, we are just as excited to have our students back working with us! I want to thank all of our families for their patience and cooperation as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

Teachers have been working hard to make remote learning as easy as possible for our families. We have streamlined each teacher's google classroom so families have a central location for their child's learning. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

As we inch closer to our hybrid model, please see important dates below for your child's return to school for in person learning. Whether your child is remote or hybrid, we are in this together.

Please reach out to me if you have a question or a concern, please feel free to contact me at s.burgess@schoolsofwestfield.org or (413) 572-6418.

Your partner in education,

Mrs. Burgess

On Monday Night, the School Committee voted to push back the start of in person learning. Please note the adjustments to the dates for in-person learning.

Hybrid Return to school dates: Please note the changes to Phase 2 and students return to school

10/19/20- Students in Grades K and 1 who are in **Cohort A** return for in person learning (Cohort A students continue with remote learning from home)

10/23/20- Students in Grades K and 1 who are in **Cohort B** return for in person learning (students in Cohort B continue with remote learning from home)

11/2/20 Students in Grades 2, 3, and 4 who are in **Cohort A** return for in person instruction (Cohort A students continue with remote learning from home).

11/9/20 Students in Grades 2,3, and 4 who are in **Cohort B** return for in person learning

Students in the hybrid model will attend school for a week and then work remotely for a week. The week your child is attending school is determined by the cohort they have been placed. Please anticipate a robo call from Mrs. Burgess telling you about your child's cohort.

Changes to the Crosswalk: Please note the Crosswalk that is directly across from Day Avenue and the entrance to Abner Gibbs School is not in use per the Westfield Police Department. Please do not cross your child at this crosswalk. The crosswalk at the intersection of West Silver, Pleasant Street and South Maple is still accessible and will now have 2 crossing guards there.

First day of School: Please note the change in locations for arrival and dismissal.

K- Blacktop in the rear of the building

1st & 2nd grade- The door closest to South Maple Street in the front of the building.

3rd & 4th grade- The main entrance on West Silver Street

All students in PK-12 are required to wear a mask when riding the bus and while in school. All students will have mask breaks throughout the day.

Attendance- Whether your child is remote or learning in person, attendance for the whole day is critical to a child's success. Daily School attendance is critical to a child's success. We are mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to track student attendance. Teachers are expecting students to be present for their Google Meets.

Immunizations/Physicals: Please remember to return all physical and immunization documentation to our school nurse. Students in 4th grade require documentation of a physical for the 2020-2021 school year. Also, per Governor Charlie Baker, all students are now required to get the Influenza Vaccine by December 31, 2020.

Questions/Concerns- If you have a question or a concern, please reach out to your child's teacher. They would be happy to answer questions or address concerns you may have.

Abner Gibbs Mission Statement:

Abner Gibbs is a safe, respectful, welcoming environment. We believe in the potential of ALL students, the need for hard work, and the importance of building strong personal relationships.

You belong here.