Dear Middlesex Families,

Thank you each so much for your cooperation and understanding as we transition from fully virtual to hybrid. We recognize there has been some bumps along the way, but we are so proud of our students, staff and families for demonstrating perseverance and patience.

Please remember that for students to begin to attend face to face learning, a survey in the given time frame. Emails are sent to students in cohort C (virtual) on Friday to remind you of the survey. The next survey remains open until April 23rd with a students start date of May 17. The extended time ensures mitigation strategies are in place.

Thank you for your collaboration. We truly appreciate each of you more than you know. This has been a year of flexibility and understanding. What we are most proud of are the skills that students are developing. They are learning to navigate all sorts of technology, tell elapsed time, time manage, improve their organization skills and become more independent. These are very important life skills that will continue to benefit them as they learn and grow.

We are looking forward to the 4th quarter of school. Please continue to monitor your child’s work completion in Schoology and ensure they are attending daily. It truly takes a team effort! Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!

Lori Hutchison
Principal

UPCOMING DATES & SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 14 –
Traditional Wednesday Schedule (class meeting and small groups)

Friday, April 16 –
12:45 Early Dismissal, no PM pre-k

April 29 – Report Cards available

April 30 –
PS/ Pre-K Conference Day
No school for Pre-School and Pre-K

May 3 –
PS, Pre-K and K Conference Day
No school for Pre-School, Pre-K & Kind.

May 13 –
Eid-Al-Fitr
No school for students

May 31 (Monday) –
Memorial Day
No school

June 2 (Wednesday) –
Follow Monday schedule

June 18 (Friday), June 21 (Monday) & June 22 (Tuesday) – 3-hour Early Dismissals

July 12 – August 6 – Summer Programs
ALICE DRILL –

For the past several years, Baltimore County Public Schools’ staff and students have been trained in a protocol for responding to the unlikely event of an active assailant. Traditional responses to this type of incident had been to lock down and wait for the police to arrive. Case studies of several active assailant incidents have shown that using only this response resulted in an increase in casualties. Baltimore County Public Schools, in partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department, adopted the option-based ALICE response protocol to assist those in harm’s way, should this type of incident occur. Individuals respond based on information that they have at hand regarding the situation. ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate. These measures provide the knowledge and skills needed to make the best decisions available for the safety of students, staff, and visitors.

Our Cohort A students participated in an age-appropriate drill today and Cohort B students will participate in this drill on Thursday afternoon.

Teachers engaged students in a discussion about how we would respond in the very unlikely event that there was someone in our school attempting to do harm. Students were reminded that we practice for fire alarms not to be afraid of fire, but to be prepared. The same is true for our ALICE drills, we practice in order to feel prepared and to be able to keep ourselves safe.

This is the same drill that we have done for the past several years. Please take some time to discuss it with your children and let us know if we can support you in any way.