

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

ALDER AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) and Students

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Hello! We are excited to communicate with you about returning to Alder Avenue for in-person instruction in our HYBRID model. This model uses virtual instruction for ALL of our students on Mondays, 2 days of in-person instruction, and 2 days of virtual instruction. The days that you will be **here** in person depends on whether you are in Group A (Tuesdays and Wednesdays here) or Group B (Thursdays and Fridays here). **Your child's group (A or B) will be indicated on this letter at the bottom of page 2.**

It is with shared enthusiasm that we welcome you to Alder Avenue Middle School. This is true whether you are a new student or you are returning after our March closure due to the virus. We are looking forward to a happy and productive learning year. We need your support and continued assistance in your child's educational journey, so please take every opportunity to seek us with concerns.

As we begin the school year in person at Alder, there are many changes in procedures that we need to share for your safety and the safety of others. Please note the following information and look on our website too:

- The first day of school **here** and in person at Alder is **Tuesday, October 27th**. (Keep in mind Monday, October 26th is Virtual for ALL Alder students.)
- **Group A** will be meeting in person on this first day, October 27th, while Group B will be home learning at the same time virtually.
- **Group B** will have their first day of school on Thursday, October 29th.
- **Grades 7 and 8** begin their day at 7:30 am. Their day ends at 12:36pm.
- **Grade 6** begins their day at 8:30. Their day ends at 1:23pm.
- **Entrance-** All Period 1 teachers will be outside in the bus lot to receive their Period 1 students off of the buses. Teachers will have signs and they will be positioned along the curb. Please tell your child(ren) to look for their Period 1 teachers to line up to go in on the first day back for them, whether it is Tuesday, 10/27 (Group A) or Thursday, 10/29 (Group B). Social

distancing and staying 6 feet apart with masks on will be in effect from coming off buses forward.

Parents: If dropping child(ren) at front entrance, they must wait outside for bell to sound. No students are permitted into the school until the sound of the bell.

- **Dismissal** - Parents: To pick up your child, you must go to the front office, give your child's name, present identification, and share your cell phone number. Your child will be called to the office. You will return to your car, not staying in the building. You will be called when your child is coming out.
- **Daily Health Screening** - Mandatory daily health screening must occur every day for your child when scheduled to attend in-person. Parents must take their child's temperature at home every morning prior to attending in-person instruction (getting on bus or being dropped off at school). If your child's temperature is 100.4 or higher and/or has taken fever reducing medication within the past 24 hours, he/she must remain home and follow-up with their pediatrician or medical provider.
- **Attendance and Schedule** - Monday's are ALL Virtual with mandatory attendance via Google Meet, Tues/Wed - Group A, Thurs/Fri - Group B, while all virtual students are M-F.
- **Masks** - mandatory (in-person). This also pertains to the bus stop and bus ride.
- **Social Distancing** - must maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible (at least 6ft apart) and adhere to traffic flow in the building (in-person)
- **Water** - Water fountains are closed and will remain closed; however, individualized reusable water bottles are allowable and recommended when in-person
- **Hand Sanitizer Stations** - located throughout the building. Encourage their use as well as proper hand washing.

We are looking forward to seeing your child and having a great school year.

Sincerely Yours in Education,

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