Hello Fronteras Families!

Happy 2021! It’s great to be back together! Second semester is going to be fabulous!

Students and staff did another outstanding job during our ALICE and fire drills this Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone’s confidence and calm is impressive!

On Tuesday, our 8th grade students met with Career Tech High School (CTHS) principal, Jason Ross and pathway teacher, Trish Zugg, to learn about the CTE courses & certifications available at Career Tech. Students also learned that all our district high schools work together to offer CTE courses regardless of where a student is enrolled full time. If you are interested in learning more about CTHS, check out their website at: [www.matsuk12.us/cte](http://www.matsuk12.us/cte)

Next Monday, January 18th is a holiday. No school for students and staff.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Hutchins

“My goal in 2021 is to accomplish the goal I set in 2020; which I should have done in 2019 because I made a promise in 2018 which I planned in 2017.”
HOUSEHOLD QUARANTINE GUIDE

Use this guide if someone in your household has COVID-19 and you are unable to avoid contact.

Household member tests positive for COVID-19
Infected member isolates, household quarantines

30 31 1 2 3 4 5

Isolation ends for the infected household member

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

If household members could not avoid contact
Their 14 day quarantine starts over

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Quarantine ends for all household members

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

27 28 29 30

*Remember, you can't test out of quarantine
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ALASKA SMART START 2020
WHEN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

01
Does the person have symptoms?
- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Joint pain
- Muscle aches
- New rash
- Loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Headache
- New congestion
- New runny nose

02
Do they have emergency warning signs?
- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in chest
- New confusion
- New difficulty staying awake
- Bulging eyes or face

03
Do they have another reason to believe their symptoms are probably not COVID-19?

04
CALL 911

Yes, they have symptoms

Yes:
- They have had a fever, asthma, or other medical problems with these exact symptoms

No warning signs

Yes:

No

They should:
Stay home in isolation until it has been 10 days AND their symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours UNLESS they have a doctor's note saying their symptoms are not from COVID-19 and they may return earlier.

They should:
Stay home in isolation until it has been 10 days AND their symptoms are resolving and are fever-free for at least 24 hours. If they receive a negative COVID-19 test they may return to school 24 hours after fever-free and symptoms are resolving.

ALASKA SMART START 2020
WHEN TO QUARANTINE

01 The person has NO symptoms
- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Joint pain
- Muscle aches
- New rash
- Loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Headache
- New congestion
- New runny nose

02 Close Contact?
- Have they had close contact (<6 ft for 15+ minutes) or been contacted by Public Health and told to quarantine?
- Yes: They have not been in close contact or been told to quarantine. Have they traveled out of state in the last 14 days?
- No: They have traveled. Great! The person does not need to be tested, isolated, or quarantined. A face covering, physical distancing, and all other transmission prevention strategies are recommended.

03 Returning from Travel
- Yes: They may not attend in-person school, activities, or other school-related in-person events while on minimal interaction status.
- No: They did not get tested (or the adult they traveled with did not get tested) so they are in quarantine status for 14 days.
- No: It has already been 7 days and their second test at 7-14 days has come back negative, so they are off minimal interaction status. They may resume in-person school and activities. A face covering, physical distancing, and all other transmission prevention strategies are recommended.

ALASKA SMART START 2020
Clarification of COVID Symptoms and Time at Home

There have been some questions about how long a student is required to stay home when a parent self-reports their child has a symptom from the COVID symptom list. When a student has a COVID symptom, they can come back when they receive a negative test result, are home for 10 days and symptom free for 24 hours without being on fever reducing medicine, or get a doctor’s note that it is not COVID related. This is true if they are screened at school or by a parent at home.

Morning Drop-Off Safety Requirements!

- PARENTS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILD UNTIL 7:45AM
- Please pull ALL THE WAY forward in the drop-off line regardless of where your child enters the school
- The school sidewalk is a drop-off zone only, please do not get out of your vehicle
- The school sidewalk is a drop-off zone only, please make sure your child is ready and can exit your vehicle independently
Please have all of your children exit your vehicle on the sidewalk side only and not on the traffic side or on the rocks by the playground.

If your child requires assistance to exit your vehicle, please park in the parking lot to assist them.

After your child has exited your vehicle, please signal and pull into the left exit lane.

Please drive slowly and be aware at all times while on Fronteras campus.

If you don’t see Miss Shawn standing at the first corner of the sidewalk for 2nd-4th grade entry; please drop your child at the front doors so they can collect a tardy slip at the office.

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**Reporting Absences!**

You can report an absence using the following in preferred order:

**ParentVUE**

1. log into your ParentVUE account using desktop (won’t let you report an absence using cell)
2. click on blue "Report Absence" button to the right of your student’s school photo
3. follow prompts

**School Dismissal Manager**

1. log into your School Dismissal Manager account using desktop or cell
2. click on the day of the week to absence will occur
3. create "Exception"
4. click on absence
5. follow prompts

**Email**

1. email Kami at kami.koecher@matsuk12.us

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**FY22 School Calendar Planning**

This week, the District will be sending a survey to all staff and parents soliciting input on next year’s school calendar. The survey asks for preferences related to school opening, both time of year and time of week, as well as preferences for parent conferences. We anticipate that the survey will be open for two weeks and will use the feedback collected to make a recommendation to the Board regarding the 2021-2022 school calendar. Due to the unique circumstances that exist for this year, we are not planning to recommend a multi-year calendar to the Board and will not be convening the School Calendar Planning Committee. We do hope to bring the committee together next fall to take a more comprehensive look at the school calendar and propose a multi-year schedule at that time. We appreciate any support you can provide to encourage individuals, both staff and parents, to share their perspectives through the survey, which can be accessed here.

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**2021-2022 Application and Intent Forms!**

Per our written charter school procedures, 2021-22 Application forms will be available after January 15th! If your child is currently enrolled at Fronteras, Intent forms will be sent home after January 15th as well. Application and Intent forms will be posted to our website.............AFTER January 15th!
Volunteer Opportunities!

In order to help us greet your children and have them enter our building safely every morning, we are in need of parent volunteers who are willing to shovel, chip ice, salt and sand the front sidewalks. All supplies are located to the left of the front doors.

Lost & Found

Lost & Found is not available. Please make sure to label your child's belongings so that misplaced items can be immediately returned.

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Colder days are here! Please make sure your child has proper outdoor gear for recess, including a warm coat! District policy states that students go outside for recess up to -10!

Lunch Time!

Fronteras does not have a lunch or breakfast program. Students will need to bring a packed lunch from home, as well as a snack every day to be eaten in their assigned classroom, including Early Release Fridays!

2020-2021 Fronteras School Calendar With Early Release Fridays!

Click here for a printable copy of the 2020-2021 Fronteras School Calendar with Early Release Fridays!

January Birthdays!
Sra. Cabret's class rocks a multiplication activity!

Congratulations to this big group of students! They were recognized for showing incredible thoughtfulness and kindness to their siblings and other students. Each morning, this group makes sure that younger students get to the front door safely and with all their belongings! We are so proud! Thank you parents for raising conscientious and kind children!
Jack and Javier share their MLK presentation with Sra. Hutchins!
Fisher enjoys a zoom call from Hawaii!
When idle pencils land in idle hands!
December 17, 2020

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Congratulations!

I'm overjoyed to write to you with the news that RaeShaun Schmidt has entered Fronteras Charter School in the 2020 Free Book contest and you were one of the winners.

Enclosed is a copy of my new 2020 book, COZY which I have signed, along with a COZY bandana. Again congratulations and thanks.

Sincerely,

[Signature]