



Doty

Summertime News

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Greetings Doty Families!

First off, I have realized that it has taken me much too long to figure out a summertime newsletter system and that using letters and emails was not the best way to share information. So I made myself a Summertime News template to get out information in a more organized way. The Doty Digest will be back once school is in session.

Important Dates

- September 8 - First Day of School!
- September 9 - 3PM dismissal - it's Wednesday!
- September 24 - Picture Day - We will schedule a time for remote students to come down for their pictures.

What's up for Doty?

Staffing Changes

Full-time Nurse! - Jessica Abisla will joining us as our full time nurse. I am super excited to have her join us here.

5/6 Teacher change - Lisa Hanna, our fifth and sixth grade teacher here at Doty is going to teach the district remote fifth and sixth grade class. Sonya Rhodes will transition to being the classroom teacher. We are still working on filling Sonya's math position at Doty.

Remote teaching team -

Pre-Kindergarten - Callie Weller from Calais

Kindergarten - Beth Parker from East Montpelier

First and second grade - Ben Weiss from Rumney
Third and fourth grade - Kate Rob from Calais
Fifth and sixth grade - Our own Lisa Hanna!

Preparing the building to reopen

Windows and Siding Project - This project is winding down. I know that some of you may have heard that one of the pallets of siding was damaged on delivery and I have heard concerns around town about that cost. Doty and the school district are not bearing any of the cost of that, have no fears!

Ventilation System - Folks have been crawling around in the ceiling doing things with ductwork in order to install the ERV unit that will provide fresh air to the center part of the building, most importantly to the nurse's office and the isolation room. All of our other air handling units have new filters and we are getting them set up to draw in maximum fresh air. We will also have our lovely new windows open much of the time.

Cleaning and sanitizing - Our orders for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfectant are coming in every day. We also have gotten in a large order of disposable masks and PPE. I'm not sure I've ever seen so much hand sanitizer in one place! We will also be increasing our custodial hours in the building in order to be able to comply with the cleaning/sanitizing expectations for the district.

I've copied the cleaning expectations document to the end of this newsletter.

Preparing for our students to return:

Face Masks - While we will have frequent mask breaks, please encourage your students to get used to wearing them around the house. We recommend that students come to school with at least two back-up masks. (One sneeze and a mask is done for the day!) Cloth masks are fine and should cover the nose and extend over the chin. We are slowly building up a supply of donated masks but I am thinking of masks like mittens, always disappearing!

I have ordered ribbon and snaps to make mask straps, on the principle of the old school glasses cords people used to wear. When we are taking mask breaks, we will be able to have our masks hang around our necks.

School Supplies - We are ordering enough supplies like pens, pencils, scissors, markers, etc to make individual packets for students as they can no longer share these

resources. We will be working with the remote teachers to determine what those students who have chosen the remote option will need for supplies and then will figure out a way to distribute them to those students.

I'm looking forward to getting this year started, it has been far too long to be without kids in the building!

Common Custodial Expectations

Daily when students present:

High Touch Areas : Sanitized Hourly

- Handrails,
- Water fountains,
- Main doors,
- other high touch areas.

Restrooms: Cleaned & Sanitized - Minimum of Once a Day

- More if physically possible depending on time & building
- Sinks, stalls, and toilets will be cleaned, sprayed and wiped down.
- Mirrors and all dispensers (soap, paper towels etc.) sprayed and wiped down
- Dust mop and wet mop floors

Nightly:

- ▶High Touch Areas ▶Restrooms ▶Counters ▶Sinks, ▶Chairs
- ▶Student tables ▶Teacher desk ▶Doors- both sides

PROCEDURES

1. Clean above surfaces.
2. Treat surfaces with disinfectant - disinfectants MUST be left on surfaces for the recommended dwell time before wiping
3. Electronics -use a clean **microfiber cloth sprayed** with disinfectant to wipe down:
 - ▶ Computers ▶keyboards ▶cameras ▶projectors
 - ▶phones ▶light switches ▶other electronic devices
4. Apply Electrostatic Disinfection Treatment - This will disinfect everything : hard surfaces, items made of cloth/different fibers.

Common Teacher Cleaning Expectations

Do NOT bring in your own cleaning supplies.

*The use of cleaning products other than the ones provided by custodial staff can cause toxic fumes.

All classrooms are equipped with:

- ▶hand sanitizer ▶spray bottles of EPA disinfectant ▶ paper towels.

When to sanitize :

- Before moving to the next teaching room.
- If students move, sanitize desks and seats between groups.
- Throughout the day, sanitize faucets and sink areas (if you have them)
- Plexiglass dividers in between student sessions

- Manipulatives guidelines :
 - Same Pod use - end of day.
 - Quarantined board games/toys with multiple parts for three days after use.
 - Pods should use separate sets of manipulatives.
 - When in doubt consult your school nurse.

Before leaving for the day :

- Declutter **ALL** work areas- put away **IN** a desk, file cabinets, shelves for closets
- Teacher desks clear
- Student desk tops clear
- Top shelves clear

How to sanitize:

- Spray hard surfaces with provided product and wipe.
- Clean any electronics used by **spraying a paper towel** with the provided product and then wipe down.
- Manipulatives can be sanitized by filling a small bucket with the provided product, leave the manipulatives in the solution for 5 minutes, rinse, and air dry.

What are the differences? -DEFINITIONS:

- **Clean:** Remove stains, pencils marks , scuffs, spills
- **Sanitize:** Spray and wipe with a product.
- **Disinfected:** EPA approved disinfectant applied as directed by product.