

Pikeville Independent Schools

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Panther Families:

Good afternoon! I wanted to share our schedule for the upcoming weeks with you, and give you a couple other pieces of information. We have had a wonderful two weeks back in school following our extended break, and our students and team members continue to work together in order for our schools to be the safest possible learning environments. We have completed some benchmark assessments this week in some of our grade levels, and we have seen our kids continue to perform at a high level, even within these difficult times. We credit our students, team members, and families for this continued success, and for the focus and passion for education that is always present within this community. As we move forward, we will remain on our yellow schedule for the upcoming two weeks. We will continue to monitor local numbers, and other factors, as we consistently examine the safest model for our students and team members. The schedule for the next two weeks is below:

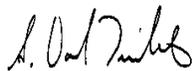
1/25	A In-Person	2/1	A In-Person
1/26	B In-Person	2/2	B In-Person
1/27	A In-Person	2/3	A In-Person
1/28	B In-Person	2/4	B In-Person
1/29	All-Virtual	2/5	All-Virtual

We want to thank Pikeville Medical Center and the Pike County Health Department for their collaboration in vaccinating members of our team. Our team members were able to get their first vaccine at the end of last week or the first of this week. This process was seamless and our district greatly appreciates the focus placed on keeping members of our team, our students, and our community safe. We will continue to always collaborate with our community partners to assure a safe environment for everyone who works or learns within our schools.

We know that there will be positive cases that occur within the community, and even enter our buildings, based upon what we see throughout Kentucky and beyond. If there is a positive case that occurs, we immediately investigate that case based upon CDC and local guidelines. Please know that the family of any student who must quarantine or had any contact that might require an additional amount of caution, will be notified by the school. Our hybrid schedule allows us to almost exclusively keep six feet of distance, or more, and to monitor masking even better than normal, so quarantines often do not result, based upon CDC and Healthy at School guidelines. We have worked hard to be transparent, while also providing privacy for those involved, so we ask our team members in these cases to make specific calls to assure we keep those informed who need a heightened awareness or quarantine. As required by the Governor's office, we also report daily numbers to the Kentucky Department of Public Health. These numbers include any positive cases for students or staff reported to us, and quarantines of students or staff, whether they are the result of contact in school or not. We appreciate the Pike County Health Department for their support in helping us work through this process.

We are blessed to live in an amazing community. We are grateful for the value each of you place on education. We appreciate the value each of you place on the health and safety of each and every student and team member in our district. Our team is honored by the trust you place in us to educate the students of Pikeville Independent Schools. We hope you have a safe and great day!

Sincerely,



S. David Trimble
Superintendent