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Hello Tiger Family,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the 1st Nine Weeks! Fall activities have ended or will be ending soon, and winter activities are right around the corner.

COVID Policies and Procedures

As the winter months draw near, it is important to make sure that policies and procedures are in place in regard to COVID. I am pleased that we have had very few COVID interruptions to student learning. As we move forward, I feel that more specific quarantine guidelines are needed. Therefore, we have added an information page that explains quarantine protocol. There are some districts that are doing daily testing for 10 days and wearing of facemasks when an unvaccinated student returns from quarantine. This daily testing can put undue stress on current workers. Also, it is difficult to find and hire individuals to do the daily testing. Therefore, instead of testing students and staff for 10 days, we will require a negative PCR Test. In Osage County, these tests can be taken at the Auburn Pharmacy in Osage City and Carbondale. Of course, many places in Topeka and other nearby larger cities can also give the PCR test. These tests can be a swab of the cheek. Please refer to the quarantine protocol guidelines located on our website for complete procedures. I have also included a copy of those procedures with this letter. This information sheet breaks down the different protocol guidelines for contact tracing and an in-home positive for vaccinated and unvaccinated students or staff members. Please call one of the offices if you have questions.

Community Input Survey

As a follow-up to our recent community survey, we have posted the results on our website. Surveys were mailed to nearly 2000 registered voters in our district. The response was limited as there were only a little over 400. Only 33% of those registered voters currently have a student in school. If you did not receive a survey this summer, the Osage County Clerk's Office does not have you registered as a voter, or your address is incorrect. You are encouraged to contact the Osage County Clerk's Office at 785-828-4812 to update your information or to find out how you may become registered.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We hope to see everyone at Parent-Teacher Conferences this week! Conferences will be from 5:00-8:30 on Wednesday October 20th and Thursday October 21st.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Marcotte', with a long horizontal line extending to the right across the page.

Brad Marcotte

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IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A TIGER!