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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Tuesday evening's Board of Education meeting we informed the public of our plans for the reopening of schools in September. There are several components of the plan I wish to bring to your attention in this letter in order for you to begin planning for the fall. Please recall that our district plan is subject to additional input and final approval from the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) as the public health situation continues to fluctuate.

A/B Day Schedule and Child Assignment

First, and critically important to your planning for September, we want to provide you with your child's/family's A/B day assignment. In general, A days are Mondays and Tuesdays while B days are Thursdays and Fridays. There are exceptions to this rule - please see the calendar for September below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Teacher PD	2 Teacher PD	3 A Day Early Dismissal	4 B Day Early Dismissal
7	8	9	10	11
Labor Day	A Day	A Day	B Day	B Day
14	15	16	17	18
A Day	A Day	Virtual	B Day	B Day
21	22	23	24	25
A Day	A Day	Virtual	B Day	B Day
28	29	30	1	2
Yom Kippur	A Day	A Day	B Day	B Day

In order to locate your child's A/B day assignment, please log into *Genesis* using the instructions below:

1. Log into the Parent Portal: https://parents.genesisedu.com/readington

^{**}If you do not know/remember your password please click the Forgot My Password link to reset your password, if you are still experiencing issues please email <u>Genesis@readington.k12.nj.us</u>**

2. On the top of the screen click on the **Student Data** tab, in the row of tabs below that click on the **Summary** tab.



3. Within the Summary screen under your child's picture, you will see the rotation group they are assigned to.



Choosing a Fully Virtual Option and Transportation for the Start of School

All children have been assigned to either A or B day. With this information, parents have two options at this point in the school year: 1) have your child attend on A or B day according to his/her schedule or 2) select a completely virtual option. In addition, parents must also make a final decision regarding transportation. Parents who wish to opt for fully virtual learning or to provide their own transportation will be required to commit to their selection until October 1, 2020. At that time, our district will review any requests and allow parents a different option.

In order to make your selection, please follow the instructions provided in the link below. **Parents must** complete their selections regarding virtual learning and transportation by August 12, 2020.

We have provided instructions to fill out this Start of School form on a computer and a smartphone to make your selection for the start of the school year. Please use the link provided to read directions and fill out the form. Start of School Form.

How to Prepare for September

Below we outline additional steps for families to take prior to the start of school:

- 1. Purchase a thermometer. The CDC recommends parents screening children prior to sending them to school each day. You will be expected to fill out a survey/questionnaire each day your child will attend school and a temperature check will be part of that survey.
- 2. Purchase or make several well-fitted, comfortable, washable face masks. Our school physician has recommended "gators" as face coverings that may be more comfortable for younger students. Your child will need to wear a face mask to school daily. Of course, if your child is unable to wear a face covering for medical reasons, please contact your child's school.
- 3. Work on building mask stamina with your children. This is one of the most important steps we can take for everyone's safety. Mask wearing will be part of the academic day and the more children practice the more comfortable they will be wearing masks.
- 4. Continue to reinforce healthy habits at home. Hand washing, covering sneezes and coughs, and self-monitoring for symptoms are all proactive habits we can develop to ensure the health and well-bring of our school community.
- 5. Remember, once the school year starts if your child shows signs or symptoms of illness, please **keep** your child home from school.

Childcare Options

The YMCA program is going to offer several sites in our region to provide parents with childcare. One site option during the school day will be at RMS. Students attending the Y program at our school site will not have contact with students who are attending school during the day. We have developed procedures to ensure the program operates separately from our instructional program and to reduce as much building use as possible.

To look at options for child care, please visit the website at https://www.hcymca.org/child-learning-center/before-and-after-school-programs/

You will notice there are several options to choose from. Please see below for a list of options with pricing. Should you have any questions, please contact the YMCA using the following contact information: email Stephanie at sflawreck@hcymca.org or Wendy at wcrocetti@hcymca.org.

- 2 after school days & 3 full days = \$878/month
- 2 before school days & 3 full days = \$750/month
- 2 before school days & 2 after school days & 3 full days = \$968/month
- 2 days before school days = \$90/month
- 2 days after school days = \$218/month
- *for more options please contact the YMCA directly.

Thank you for your continued patience and support during this difficult time. While we may experience challenges and continue to adjust, I am confident that we will be Readington Ready come September! Should you have any further questions please contact your school building. If you have issues with logging into Genesis, please contact Tech Support at Genesis@readington.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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