

GEORGE HALL JAGUAR NEWSLETTER

November 9, 2020

Ms. Kazemi, Principal

Principal's Open Door

Drop in virtual office hours open to all parents for the next six weeks of Distance Learning.

Mondays at 5:00

[Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/mka-joix-aza](https://meet.google.com/mka-joix-aza)

Join by phone (US) +1 929-324-2305 PIN: 972 574 075#

and Thursdays at 1:00.

[Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/bqh-rhim-rxs](https://meet.google.com/bqh-rhim-rxs)

Join by phone (US) +1 832-802-8947 PIN: 802 489 044#



Scenes Above from Our Beautiful Campus...we miss you all!

Reopening Plans

Preparations have begun to bring students back on campus starting January 19th. The next step in our reopening process is for families to confirm their instructional model choice in the [AERIES Parent Portal](#). Please watch for District information on the portal opening this week. Elementary school families may select to: 1) Stay with your child's teacher, whatever they are assigned OR 2) remain in Full-time Distance Learning OR 3) return to in-person learning in a Paired-Days Hybrid Model. You will follow several steps to confirm or change your initial selection for each child. In the AERIES Parent Portal, please CONFIRM RECEIPT of the authorization of your "Rights and Responsibilities" and VERIFY parent/student data, then MAKE A SELECTION on an instructional model. You must select a choice for each child in your family. Your choice commits that child to an instructional model until the end of the school year unless COVID-19 conditions dictate otherwise. It is imperative that you confirm your selection in the AERIES Parent Portal as soon as it opens.

A Word on Kindness & Courage

Many circumstances in our lives are out of our control. Yet we're always accountable for how we *react* to those circumstances. Consider this: you're about to speak a truth that might be difficult for someone to hear. Those words never need to be cruel or punishing. When we word our truth in a way that considers the other person's feelings, we're making a kind decision while taking a brave stance.

We teach our students that being brave means stepping outside of our comfort zone AND doing something worthwhile. Of course, bravery has different levels. But it all starts with taking a personal risk. Standing up for yourself takes courage. Standing up for others takes courage. Speaking a truth that's likely difficult for others to hear takes courage.

Kindness comes through in the tone we use and the overall energy that we give off. It can be a challenge to find the sweet spot between courageously standing up for our beliefs while not imposing them on others. Saying what needs to be said is brave; doing so gracefully is kind. When we model and teach children to make both courage and kindness their guiding principles, we help them stay on course to being comfortable, healthy, and happy.