

April 23, 2021

Dear Hazelbrook Families,

It's been so great this week to have students back with us here at Hazelbrook! I've learned to see smiles through students' eyes (since we can't see most of their face) and have enjoyed meeting many of our students for the first time. Although students have expressed how different it feels to be here at school with our new safety protocols, it's great to be together again.

With this week's message, I hope to clarify a little bit of scheduling confusion, make sure that folks have seen our needs for action with state testing, and I'd like to touch on the kindness and community we continue to strive for here at Hazelbrook.

First, I've again [linked our current bell schedule](#) for your reference. You'll notice that classes on elective days and for students in CDL look slightly different because of our lunch times here in person. This primarily impacts our 7th graders as lunches are at different times on days students are here for core classes compared to days when they're home for electives, PE and/or reading and independent study.

Second, I recently sent home information about our state testing process this spring. In case you didn't see [yesterday's message](#), we need information from each family about state testing this year. With our state tests being offered on Wednesday's at the end of May and early June, we need families to [sign up to take tests using this form](#). For families that wish to opt their child out of the state testing process for this year, please complete this [testing opt out form](#). Please complete the appropriate form by Friday, April 30 so that we can begin to finalize our calendar along with transportation details.

Finally, this week's court decision in the trial of Derek Chauvin was impactful to many of us, each in different ways. While we as a society, and a community, grapple with systemic issues of inequality and inequity, we continue to do the same here at Hazelbrook. Our recent student experience survey, that students completed on April 7, is intended to provide information for us about how students experience our school community so that we can make appropriate plans in response to this data. With our Hazelbrook staff rooted in the need for kindness, community and consistency, we strive to ensure that each of our students experiences a welcoming place where they are seen and their voice is heard and valued. We continue to examine our current policies and expectations to ensure that we meet this goal.

While Washington County enters high risk status for COVID-19 once again today, I'm extremely proud of our students and staff for their efforts to learn and follow new procedures for the safety of all of us. While school does feel and look different, what will always remain the same is our need to be in community with each other.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background with a light gray grid pattern. The signature appears to be 'Tim Gross'.

Tim Gross, Principal