



"From Acorns, Mighty Oaks Grow"

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Good Afternoon Empire Oaks Families,

We are excited to welcome students back for in-person learning the week of November 9th!
In-person instruction will actually begin on Thursday, November 12th - please see below.

Important Dates:

- Nov. 6th – All students will have a 20 min morning meeting, then students will have async work the rest of the day. *(This is the last day of the trimester, and would normally have been a super mini day for teachers to work on report cards.)*
- Nov. 9-10 - Distance Learning continues - On Monday, 11/9, students continuing distance learning will have a 20 minute morning meeting, then students will have async work the rest of the day. On Tuesday, 11/10, they will follow their regular DL schedule.
- Nov. 9-10 – Hybrid/In-person student groups will have a 20 minute morning meeting both days, then students will have async work the rest of each day. *(This will give teachers time to prepare classrooms and materials for in-person instruction.)*
- Nov. 11th – Veteran’s Day Holiday - no school
- Nov. 12th – First day of in-person instruction for hybrid/in-person students

On our school website, you will find links to **teacher/program assignments by grade level.**

Please note:

- We’ve done our very best to accommodate your REQUESTS and honor hardships as we support this transition.
 - Priority #1 - keeping students at EO
 - Priority #2 - keeping students with their teachers
 - Priority #3 - accommodating in-person / distance learning
 - Priority #4 - honoring AM / PM requests
- Due to staffing, enrollment, and safety constraints, movement is nearly impossible from this point on. Please work with your teacher and child to alleviate any concerns based on the assigned classroom placement.
- Distance Learning may be your default alternative if the AM/PM in-person session you wanted was not able to be accommodated.
- AM/PM and DL schedules will be 8:25am-11:00am, and 12:00pm-2:37pm, Tues-Fri.

- Mondays will consist of a 20 minute class meeting and async work the rest of the day. Your child's teacher will let you know when that meeting will be (e.g., 8:25-8:45am, 8:30-8:50am, 9:00-9:20am, etc.).

Next week, we will be sending out additional information including:

- EOE Reopening Handbook
- EOE Agreements for Returning to Campus
- FCUSD Parent Health Screening Tool
- Symptom Decision Tree
- Instructional video on "A Day in the Life of a Hybrid/In-Person Learner"
- Instructional video on "Home Screening Checklist"

We know that life on campus will look a little different when kids return, but please know that the health, safety and education of your child(ren) are our highest priorities. Remember while some students are returning to school via hybrid, in-person learning, we also have some students choosing to continue distance learning. Regardless of your personal choice, all of our families still belong to Empire Oaks, no matter their location or learning environment! Let's remember to support and respect each other regardless of choices or needs.

We look forward to this next transition in our students' learning. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Sincerely,
Sara Parenzin
Principal