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Dear Tenafly Families,

This communication pertains to the current student schedules in place for the weeks of February 22nd and March 8th and offers relevant district information. There will be no weekly communication during the break. The next communication will be shared on February 26th.

### **Calendar-related Items**

See the [District Bell Schedules](#) for all Elementary, TMS, and THS schedules for February 22 - March 5, 2021. This information is readily available on each school's website and on the Parents' Tab and Students' Tab of our district site. **Thank you for continuing to be mindful of any separate district or school communications that may notify you of unforeseen changes to these schedules.** We look forward to reopening Smith School as planned on Monday, February 22nd. We are also pleased to report that there was no evidence of onsite transmission relative to the COVID-19 cases investigated there.

### **Reporting a Confirmed Case of COVID: Email Your School Principal**

**Should you have a positive case of COVID-19 (staff or student) to report, please do so via email to your building principal with your school nurse cc'd on the communication.** This protocol should be followed at all times, most especially on evenings, weekends and days that school is closed in order to ensure that your communication is received.

### **Lunar New Year, Mid-Winter Break and Travel Guidelines**

Enjoy the virtual Lunar New Year celebration at <https://sites.google.com/view/kpaeventest/home>. Our district will be closed for mid-winter break following the Lunar New Year holiday. Schools will be closed and there will be no instruction February 12th - 19th. We wish staff and students an enjoyable and relaxing break. Any family anticipating travel is urged to review this [district travel communication](#) carefully.

### **Reminder: CarePlus Presentation TONIGHT**

The CarePlus Presentation *Acknowledging loss for youth in the time of COVID-19: The changing social experience* is **TONIGHT, February 11th at 7pm**. Learn how coping during a pandemic differs from managing other challenges, signs of distress to look for in ourselves and our youth, and coping strategies to build resilience within our families and communities. [Click here to join the presentation.](#)

### **Enhanced District Restart Program**

The Tenafly Public Schools remain committed to keeping our schools healthy, safe, and open for in-person instruction. As previously shared, we continue to explore ways in which to fill all available in-person student seats, offering students who want to be in school the opportunity for increased in-school instruction within a socially-distanced environment. [Please click here for more information.](#)

### **Food for Families and Seniors - Change in Pickup Day**

The pickup day for [Food Brigade](#) is Thursdays from 2–4:30pm. Food can be picked up at the Tenafly Senior Center or directly from [Food Brigade](#) in Dumont. For pick up at the Tenafly Senior Center, please contact Linda Fritz ([lfritz@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:lfritz@tenafly.k12.nj.us)). For pick up in Dumont, please register on the [Food Brigade](#) website. You must register to pick up in Dumont. The program will run until June 2021.

### **Current NJ COVID Matrix**

The COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix provides data and public health recommendations for local health departments and schools to consider based on the transmission level in their region. Regional risk levels are just one tool used by local health departments and schools when assessing COVID-19 risk. NJ's [COVID-19 Activity Report](#) is updated weekly. While our state remains in High Condition, it is notable that our Northeast Region is experiencing a decreasing rate of transmission. Since January 30th, the transmission rate for our Northeast region has decreased from 11.58 to 9.68. Please note, data provided is one week prior to current date.

### **Reminder: Everpoint COVID Testing Site in Tenafly**

The Borough of Tenafly contracted with [Everpoint Health](#), to offer drive-through rapid and PCR testing in the municipal parking lot located at 100 Riveredge Road in Tenafly. Testing hours for February are Mondays and Thursdays 8am-4pm, and Tuesdays and Fridays 8am-7pm. Registration is required and patients are required to pay a \$200 testing cost at the time of registration. Receipts will be provided for submitting to insurance carriers for possible reimbursement. To sign up, visit [the patient registration page](#) for Everpoint Health.

### **Health and Safety Reminders**

We sincerely appreciate your continued vigilance and commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff members. Thank you for continuing to follow the guidelines and procedures helping to keep our students and staff safe. More reminders from the CDC and State of NJ can be found on our [TPS COVID Communications page](#).

### **Questions/Concerns**

If you have any questions or concerns related to your child, please check the school/teacher websites for helpful information. If you cannot find what is needed, then contact your building principal:

- Mackay School - [byoo@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:byoo@tenafly.k12.nj.us)
- Maugham School - [jferrara@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:jferrara@tenafly.k12.nj.us)
- Smith School - [dgeorge@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:dgeorge@tenafly.k12.nj.us)
- Stillman School - [glander@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:glander@tenafly.k12.nj.us)
- Tenafly Middle School - [jfabbo@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:jfabbo@tenafly.k12.nj.us)
- Tenafly High School - [jmorrison@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:jmorrison@tenafly.k12.nj.us)
- TPS Help Desk and Technical Support - to submit a trouble ticket, visit the [Help Desk pages](#) under the For Parents, For Students, or For Staff sections of our website.

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