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Dear Clara Barton Families,

A new week brings all of us new challenges.  I learned along with all of you that our return dates have changed, and am navigating that change to the best of my abilities.  We are continuing to prepare our staff and campus for a safe return along with the new timeline, and are very eager to get the students who have chosen to return in-person back as soon as we can!

The national, state and district news changes on a regular basis for all of us, yet we need to continue our work to ensure we have the best possible plans for every student.  At this time the parent survey of learning models is closed, and I can no longer facilitate any requests to shift as our classes are now full.  Parent requests for change of placement received after today will be noted as a request to join the waiting list for that option, and we will follow the district process for filling open student positions as they become available.

Next week we will begin parent-teacher conferences, and you will have an opportunity to connect with your current teacher regarding specific concerns you might have.  I encourage parents to also identify at least one success that we can share as a team about your child during the semester.  It is easy to get trapped into the frustrations of how challenging remote learning has been for all of us; finding the bright spots is a way to keep us all motivated to continue doing our best work together!

Finally, I have attached two documents for you to review.  The first is a transcript of questions/answers from the Parent Information Night that I held on January 13 [Parent Meeting-Responses 1.13.2021.docx](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FgiWBzUACytpelR_PW0yF3A~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRh7GyHP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUVYaEdLV0NvWEFVJm1hbD03ODJiNGMzMDhhMDc5ZDgwYjc1YjliNmY0Y2FkMTc4MDdiOGRmNzcwYjAwNmQ2OWRlNzU2YzI5YTY2NTlkNWQ0VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCAc5C2BwhzONUhJ0cmlsam9uZXNAbHdzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~&data=04%7C01%7Ctriljones%40LWSD.org%7C9987a3737e3941f28eb808d8bf166e7d%7C1fd4673fdf9646218638a1d88c4c85d7%7C0%7C0%7C637469450406877276%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bQn5wbax9nAb%2Bnlea%2BCB6%2FYLuyY%2F8f341jgnuLChbIc%3D&reserved=0) .  Please note that may of those answers may change as district guidance shifts.  The other document is our second Equity Team Newsletter of the year [January 2021 Equity Newsletter.pdf](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fnfe-rU8tnBB1BNK09pQTbw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRh7GyHP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUVYaEdLV0NvWEFVJm1hbD0wNjZmMzRlOWQ4N2RlMjlhZjE0OGE1MTMxNTk2NmYxOTU3NWRkNWE2NzBiMGNkZGFlYzQ5NWViZjcyYjk2MTg4VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCAc5C2BwhzONUhJ0cmlsam9uZXNAbHdzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~&data=04%7C01%7Ctriljones%40LWSD.org%7C9987a3737e3941f28eb808d8bf166e7d%7C1fd4673fdf9646218638a1d88c4c85d7%7C0%7C0%7C637469450406887274%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iALBeX4a3AiW7UITljDp7UesE7KXeOk3eBS41GeYFZU%3D&reserved=0) .  Thank you for taking a moment to check out what we have been working on as a staff team to improve our practices for all students at CBE.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

January 26   Conferences for Grades 2-5 begin

January 29   Conferences for Grades K-1 begin

February 1   Parent survey of questions to be addressed at the 2/3 launched

February 3   PTSA Parent Night:  Principal Barker shares updates to the return to school plans  7:00

February 8   New teacher assignments sent to parents via email  4:00

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership,

Karen Barker

Principal

Clara Barton Elementary

Together, We Rise.