



July 31st, 2020

Dear Families,

As you may be aware, this week the office of the Governor released new guidelines for school reopening based on COVID-19 infection rates. As a result, Portland area schools need to delay in-person opening to later in the fall to prevent further spread of the coronavirus.

Thus, Serendipity will delay in-person reopening and utilize Comprehensive Distance Learning for at least the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

While this decision was not taken lightly, we believe it is the best way to guarantee the safety of our students and families at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation over the coming weeks to determine when we can switch to our Hybrid model and begin in person instruction that ensures the safety of all our students, staff, and their families.

Enclosed is the Lower School Calendar. There are a few changes to this year's calendar I would like to explain:

- To reduce as many transitions as possible, we have shifted our early release day from Friday to Wednesday so that when we return in person, Cohort B has the same amount of in person instructional hours as Cohort A.
- We have added weekly professional development for our staff on Wednesday afternoons to continuously improve our delivery of Comprehensive Distance Learning and to prepare our staff to support students in person in our future hybrid model.
- We are beginning our school year with a virtual Family-Teacher Conference on September 8th to practice logging in and preparing for a smooth first day of Comprehensive Distance Learning on September 9th. Your teacher will reach out to you after August 24th to schedule a time that works for you that day.
- After 7 days of distance learning we are hosting another Distance Learning Family-Teacher Conference on September 18th to work through any initial problems to ensure that everyone is successfully participating in Comprehensive Distance Learning at the beginning of the school year.
- Without the complexities of student transportation, we were able to shorten the K-8 school day to better match our younger students'



developmental level in participating in daily Comprehensive Distance Learning.

- We will be revising the calendar for 2nd Quarter when we know more from the State of Oregon about next steps for school re-opening.

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent phone survey. We are using your feedback to better support students and plan instruction for fall and beyond.

As ever, If you have any questions or concerns, or require any additional information, please reach out to Kevin Thompson at KevinT@serendipitycenter.org or Jackie Trussell at JackieT@serendipitycenter.org.

Be Well,

Kevin Thompson
Vice-Principal, Serendipity Center



Serendipity Lower School Calendar 2020-2021

School Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30-1:45, Wednesday 8:30-12:00

Key Dates for 2020-2021

*Calendar subject to change

- School Closed/No School for Students
- Early Release Wednesdays 12pm

First & Last Day of School

Sept. 09: First Day of School (8:30-12:00)

June 17: *Last Day of School

School Closed/No School for Students

- Sept. 07:** Labor Day: School Closed
- Sept. 08:** Family-Teacher Conferences: No School
- Sept. 18:** Family-Teacher Conferences: No School
- Sept. 28:** Professional Development: No School
- Oct. 09:** Statewide In-service: No School
- Oct. 21:** Professional Development: No School
- Nov. 05:** Family-Teacher Conferences: No School
- Nov. 06:** Grading/IEP Progress Notes Day: No School
- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day: School Closed
- Nov. 25 – 27:** Thanksgiving Break: School Closed
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 01:** Winter Break: School Closed
- Jan. 18:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School Closed
- Jan. 28:** Family-Teacher Conferences: No School
- Jan. 29:** Grading Day/IEP Progress Notes: No School
- Feb. 15:** Presidents Day: School Closed
- Feb. 22:** Professional Development: No School
- Mar. 15:** Professional Development: No School
- Mar. 22 – 26:** Spring Break: School Closed
- Apr. 08:** Family-Teacher Conferences: No School
- Apr. 09:** Grading Day/IEP Progress Notes: No School
- May 10:** Professional Development: No School
- May. 31:** Memorial Day: School Closed
- June 11:** Teacher Work Day: No School
- June 18:** Grading Day/IEP Progress Notes: No School
- June 23 – July 9:** School Closed

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Family Events 2020-2021

Family Teacher Conferences 9:00 - 7:00: No School

Sept. 08: Distance Learning Family-Teacher Conferences

Sept. 18: Distance Learning Family-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 05: Fall Family-Teacher Conferences

Jan. 28: Winter Family-Teacher Conferences

Apr. 08: Spring Family-Teacher Conferences

School-wide Events:

May 28: Tentative - Talent Show 11:00

June 04: Tentative - Field Day

June 17: *Lower School Year End Awards 9:30

Key Contacts

Front Office: 503-761-7139

Mental Health Emergency: 503-683-7200

Grading Quarters 2020-2021

Sept. 09 – Nov. 04: 1st Quarter

Nov. 09 – Jan. 27: 2nd Quarter

Feb. 01 – Apr. 07: 3rd Quarter

Apr. 12 – June 17: 4th Quarter

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We are working with ODE & OHA to create a safe learning environment. We will update the calendar and communicate with you when we know more.

Serendipity Extended School Year (ESY) Calendar 2021

School Hours: Monday-Thursday *8:45-1:00

Key Dates for ESY 2021

*Calendar subject to change

First & Last Day of Extended School Year (ESY):

July 13: *First Day of ESY

August 05: *Last Day of ESY

School Closed/No School for students:

July 12: *ESY Planning Day: No School

Fridays: No School for students

Aug 06 – 31: *Summer Break/Staff Development

Not all students qualify for ESY;
decision based on data and district approval

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