



Field Facts October 2020

September just seemed to fly by. Given everything that is going on in the world, nation, and city, I find great joy in seeing our students in their virtual classes. They are busy participating and helping each other out. Some even take over the “teacher role” when the teacher is booted out of the class. That’s community!

Conferences:

Conferences will be held Wednesday, October 13, in the evening and all day Thursday, October 14. Advisory teachers will be reaching out to families to schedule student-led conferences.

We chose to move towards conferences that are student led because with the student, guardian/parent, and teacher present, there is more honest reflection done by the student about their schoolwork. The teacher can ask probing questions that will help a student share what is going on in school. It is also an opportunity to go over grades, set goals, and make a plan for the rest of the semester and year. *“When students are well prepared to tell the story of their own success, (or lack of), they seem to experience a fundamental shift in their internal sense of responsibility for that success.” -Rich Stiggins* - It instills a greater sense of responsibility for their work. It shows that the parent/guardian and teacher are working together.

Grades:

As a reminder, grades during Distance Learning will be A-D and No Credit (NCR). You can check the parent portal to see up-to-date grades. (Teachers are required to update the information every two weeks.)

Work during the live sessions has been more productive than the afternoon sessions. A flowchart has been created to help students (and the adults) understand how to be more successful in the afternoon. There is also a checklist to help students remember to do the schoolwork, they must always hit the *Turn In* and/or *Submit* button.

Work Flowchart: [Afternoon work flowchart](#)

Checklist (Cover with plastic and use a dry erase marker)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NqDEvm39HoW2y1H2ombicT5aKBzLT08y/view>

Welcoming Equity (WE) Committee

The Welcoming Equity (WE) committee is a group of parents working collaboratively to advance diversity, equity, social justice, and intercultural understanding within the Hale and Field school communities.

You can learn more about the WE Committee on Field’s website. Their newsletters are informative and give resources that are available for students and families.

The Welcoming Equity Committee will be hosting a **Zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m.** Contact Shilad Sen at shilad@gmail.com for more information and for the Zoom meeting link.

School Bell Times 2021-2022

We need your input! As a part of the CDD implementation work, the Bell Time Schedule project team continues to build upon its engagement work with a narrated presentation for school community use. The intent is to gather additional considerations from MPS families as we work towards a final Bell Schedule for approval at the Board of Education on November 10.

Bell Time Schedule Information and Video: https://transportation.mpls.k12.mn.us/bell_time_schedules

After viewing the Bell time Schedule Project video above, please answer these questions:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsneADlnq9Z9yRM6kQI9WXI2XPyLemk08FJ-3YBI87xIS7w/viewform>

Site Council Meetings:

Site council will meet on the following Wednesdays, from 4:15-5:45.

- October 21, 2020
- December 9, 2020
- February 10, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021

The Field Site Council is an advisory board to the principal. It is also a time for sharing information, and having discussion between families and staff. This year our focus will be:

- to help plan for the transition of Field as dictated by the CDD (Comprehensive District Design)
- how we will support our families through the transition
- begin to design a closer partnership with Hale

Even though I run an informal site council; I ask that those who wish to participate on the council, represent the demographics of our community. We also need representation from each grade level.

If you are interested in participating, please email me: VaNita.Miller@mpls.k12.mn.us; or call 612-668-3640 and leave a message with your name, phone number and email address, as our first meetings will be held virtually.

Curriculum Pick UP

We had our second successful curriculum pick up. Thank you so much for donating all the paper bags! Paper bags work better when filling them. There are still a few bags that need to be picked up so if you haven't done that yet, you can come to Field between 7:30 and 3:30 M-F to pick up. Teachers will be using the curriculum we handed out so it is necessary that your student has the information.

I hope this finds you safe and healthy.

VaNita Miller
Field Principal