

# Ludlow Independent Schools



Home of the Panthers

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Ludlow Families:

Our 2nd semester is under way! Before we know it, the end of the year and graduation will be here!

Yesterday was our second Early Release Day and report cards were also sent home. Many of you received phone calls from teachers or came to school for meetings. We hope these were helpful to you! If you have any concerns or questions for teachers about your child's progress, please reach out to them. Our faculty is dedicated to helping your child be successful this year. We have one more Early Release Day on March 16<sup>th</sup>, where we will continue with more calls and meetings with parents.

This week also brought a new set of COVID guidance and protocols to K-12 schools. I'm sure you have seen the news with some schools moving to remote learning due to staff shortages or high rates of sickness. We are able to continue to offer in-person learning due to YOUR help, along with the support of our outstanding FACULTY and STAFF. While we understand that the ever-changing rules and protocols can sometimes cause confusion and frustration, it has been our goal all along to follow them. Implementing these protocols has been what has helped us keep our doors open to in-person learning with students.

A few items of note:

- We will continue with universal masking while on our campus as we have been doing.
- We continue to focus on sanitizing desks and common areas at school regularly. We encourage students to wash hands and sanitize them often.
- We continue to offer the Test to Stay (TTS) option for our students and staff. The guidelines on this process have changed just a bit around who can test, but we are still able to offer it, and it is free of charge. Along with our school nurse, we have a staff member from Gravity Diagnostics in our office each morning to help run and monitor this testing. Our TTS process helps keep kids from quarantining if they remain negative and symptom-free. This helps keep more kids in school and less of a disruption to the learning process.
- The K-12 guidance surrounding quarantines has changed some too, and we will be implementing the new protocols with this.
- All of the most-up-to-date guidance, protocols, and resources can always be found on our webpage: [www.ludlow.kyschools.us](http://www.ludlow.kyschools.us)
- We ask for your continued help with your child(ren): Please keep them home if they are sick. Send them to school with their mask every day. Help remind them to wash their hands and sanitize them often.

Should you have any questions about any of these items, please reach out to your child's principal or to me. I'm hoping for a smooth and successful second semester for our students, staff, and families!

Sincerely,

Mike Borchers, Superintendent