



ITA/ILA/SEA Families, Welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

As we plan for a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, our focus will still be to ensure that:

- Every child, everyday is finding a way to feel connected,
- Every child, everyday is being challenged by new learnings and experiences
- And every child, everyday knows they have a champion they can turn to.

The spring of 2020 challenged staff, parents and students to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways and required our champions to champion from afar. What we have learned the most through this process is how much we appreciate the expertise of our teachers, the ways in which our students continue to work hard to grow, and an appreciation for the little things in life – giving a high five, a hug or being able to laugh out loud together. What we MOST appreciate about our ITA/ILA/SEA school family is how even under circumstances we have never experienced we are still a learning and caring community.

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal at ITA/ILA/SEA to not only find our new normal, but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact the learning environment of our students. In the coming weeks there will be new types of learning experiences teachers will pilot and introduce. Our fall may not be our traditional “normal,” but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive. We can’t wait to move on to the next phase of learning while dealing with the challenges COVID-19 has brought us and we know all returning and new students to the ITA/ILA/SEA programs will be welcomed and given every opportunity to grow socially, emotionally and learn at their highest potential.

Here are some updates we’d like to give you about the opening of our school year with every student participating with online instruction daily.

Q: How do I make sure I get all the necessary information?

A: Please make sure the school has your contact information (Email & Cell Number) to receive all district and school Q-Communications.

Q: When is the first day of school?

A: The first day of school is September 8, 2020:

7:15 AM - 2:16 PM ITA 6-12

8:05 AM – 3:11 PM ITA/ILA K-5

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM SEA

Your child's teacher will give more instruction either prior to the start of school and/or on the first day of school. ALL students need to be present during their assigned virtual meeting blocks daily.

Q: What are my child's expectations?

A: The three (3) A's – Academics, Attendance, Attitude is an important part of your child's learning when they attend the online virtual meetings with their teachers daily.

Q: How will I be able to communicate with my child's teacher?

A: Teachers will use the Q Communications System that goes directly to your phone and email if the school has your correct information on file. Teachers all have district email addresses that will be provided to you by the teacher as well.

Let's continue to work together to ensure our students are learning!

Please contact administration with questions or concerns at:(248) 451-7510 or 7511

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