

HHA Herald – Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Hi, this is Principal Hornbeck with your weekly HHA Herald. We welcome PreK through 5th grade students back to in-person instruction starting this coming Monday, April 12 and then 6th, 7th, and 8th graders may return in-person on Monday, April 19. Kids love being together and teachers really appreciate the opportunity to work with their students in-person. By now, PreK through 5 grades families should know whether your child is in the am or pm group. We will communicate that information to middle school families by the end of this week. We definitely made every effort to keep siblings in the same time slots. For families choosing the in-person option, you absolutely must complete the consent form. For most grades, the consent form is being mailed to the address we have for you. It will also be available when you bring your child to school for you to review and sign on-the-spot. No student is permitted to remain in-person unless we have a signed consent form. 70% of students at HHA are returning to in-person instruction. A reminder that your child may not move back and forth between in person and remote programming. It's one or the other. In other news, within one week of starting in-person, each student will begin taking weekly COVID tests. Under the direction of their teacher, students will self-administer a very quick and painless "Q-tip nostril swirl". Results will be available within a day or two and if there is any reason for a group to quarantine, we will let you know. No news will mean your child's class is good to go. To mitigate the possibility of connection problems due to obsolete infrastructure in City Schools, HHA is purchasing \$35K worth of 5G hotspots with unlimited and unthrottled data access. We hope this plan makes things as smooth as possible. Finally, thanks to generous donors, HHA has access to the theatre production of My Wonderful Birthday Suit at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte! Students in PK-3rd grade will get to experience this as a virtual field trip in class, but any HHA family is welcome to watch it on their own time. The Vimeo link is posted on Bloomz or you can email Ms. Durkin, our Drama Teacher, at kdurkin@hha47.org. The show gets great reviews. That's it for now. Have a great evening and we'll talk again next week.