



May 15, 2020

"Our vision is educational excellence in knowledge, skills, and character with strong parent-teacher-student partnerships."

Dear Wolverines,

I just spent a couple hours writing this Friday Note, only to have it all disappear when I hit "DONE." I had poured out all my emotions about how difficult this has been, and how much we miss your students. I shared stories about our teachers and the amazing things they did to make this week special for students, and stories of how parents have gone above and beyond to show love to our teachers.

Now it is getting late, and I am not able to recreate all of that, because I am too weary. I am just going to say this: We miss your children. Teaching, school, learning - none of it works without them. We can't wait to see them again.

Student Belongings Pick-Up/School Materials Drop-Off - Tuesday, May 19th - Please Read!

Pardon the detail, but I want everyone to understand how things will look on Tuesday.

Parents, please plan to send ONE adult to campus to retrieve and drop off items. If you must bring your child(ren) please leave them in the car, if possible.

Everyone on campus must wear a mask and maintain 6 ft. distance between one another.

This is not a time to connect with teachers or staff. Teachers will not be available to chat on this day.

NEW INFO If you have items to return to school (novels, textbooks, whiteboards, etc.) please place them in a plastic bag with your child's name on it. Any bag will work. This will help us reduce cross-contamination and make inventory much easier.

Scheduled Pick-Up times:

Time: Last Name:

8:30-9:30 A-D

9:45-10:45 E-I

11:00-12:00 J-M

12:15-1:15 N-R

1:30-2:30 S-V

2:45-3:45 W-Z

Please come during your scheduled time so that we can maintain social distancing regulations.

Please follow these directions upon arrival on Tuesday:

1. One adult should come to the front of the building
2. Return any borrowed laptop computers AND CHARGERS to the computer table.
3. Return any library books to the Library table
4. If your child has any medicine remaining at Traut, please visit Mrs. Frei at the medical table
5. Please look over the Lost & Found tables for any items that belong to your child(ren)
6. Proceed around the outside of the building to the outside door of your child's classroom
7. Pick up the bag with your child's name. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE BAG, so please check carefully
8. Please take a Summer Math Packet from the chair near the classroom door. If there are not any packets out, it is already in your child's bag.

9. Place any TCKS belongings in the tub by the teacher's door. Please place these items in a bag with your student's name on it. You can also place any notes from students to their teacher in these bins.

A few reminders: You **MUST** wear a mask at all times while on Traut property and you must remain 6 feet apart from others. Per District policy, we will have Safety Monitors on campus reminding us to maintain social distancing. Please know this is not meant to be unwelcoming, but rather to ensure everyone's safety. While we know you will want to catch up and chat with others, please refrain from doing so on this day. We ask that you don't congregate and quickly pick up and drop off your items. Please park in the main parking lots and look for the signs.

Library Book Check

Unsure if your child has library books checked out in his or her name? Please click on [this link](#) for detailed directions about how to check what books your student has currently check out. Thank you!

End of the Year Parade!

Please join us on **Friday, May 22 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm** at Traut for an end of the year parade. Traut staff will be standing along Timberwood and Partnership Place in front of the building to wave and smile and wish you a happy summer. Signs and decorations are welcome but not required. We are just looking forward to seeing your faces!

A few guidelines:

- **PLEASE** do not let students sit on the car door or windows, or lean their whole body out of the car. We need to make sure everyone is safe!
- Please go slowly, but do not stop your vehicle. Please do not get out of the car. You are more than welcome to go through the parade as many times as you like between 3 and 4.
- Families who would like to parade on bikes: please do not get in line with the cars. I worry about distracted drivers and little bikers. Please plan to stay on the sidewalk, and ride up from Harmony Park (behind Traut) and along the sidewalk path on the west side of the building. Just as with the cars, please do not stop, but you are welcome to ride the loop as many times as you like between 3 and 4.

REPORT CARDS

Parents will not receive a printed report card this semester. You can view your student's report card online through ParentVUE. Parents who have never used ParentVUE should

have received an email on Monday, May 11 from PSD with an activation code. If you did not receive an email, or if you need help accessing ParentVUE, please visit <https://www.psdschools.org/ParentVUE>

Report cards will be available in ParentVUE by 4:00 pm, Friday, May 22nd. Please know that grades on this report card only reflect school work that was completed before Spring Break.

2020-2021 School year:

If you will be moving, or will not be returning to Traut next year for any reason, please let Belinda Nygaard know as soon as possible. She can be reached at bnygaard@psdschools.org. In addition, if you have any telephone or address changes, she would like to know these as well. Thank you!

School Supplies - Available Online

Traut is excited to once again be partnering with EPI (Educational Products, Inc.) for the opportunity to pre-order school supplies. Instead of going to the store to buy paper, pens, folders, etc. separately, you can simply pay one price and order a supply kit online. The kit includes all of the supplies your child will need for their upcoming grade. Kits will be delivered to your home no later than the week of Aug. 3rd. There are a few optional supplies for 5th graders that can be purchased at an additional fee, however 5th grade kits do not include page-ups.

To order, go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks, and shop by using Traut's school ID code (TRA085). **Ordering is available now through June 18th.**

Please feel free to contact Brie McFarland at: sollod@gmail.com with any questions.

Please feel free to print or save the supply lists for next year by clicking on the links, below:

[Kindergarten](#) [1st Grade](#) [2nd Grade](#) [3rd Grade](#) [4th Grade](#) [5th Grade](#)

Summer Learning Opportunities

Several of you have reached out, wondering if some of the online resources that we have used this semester will be available throughout this summer.

We have so many different platforms and programs being used at this time, it was not possible for me to create a master list of everything that is available. That said, every program that I have checked into so far will be available through June 30, at the earliest. Some will remain available through the end of July.

Our very own Mrs. Morris, who has been an incredible support during this remote learning experience, has created a site for parents to use over the summer. Please see this note, from her:

We hope you will enjoy a NEW page, filled with fun, free, online educational resources that you, and your kids, can access over the summer. The activities range from virtual field trips, to science experiments, to being read to by astronauts, to coloring pages. Keep scrolling down the page, because there is.. holy wow, lots of stuff. Explore and enjoy! Please be advised, that while some of this content is blissfully ad free, some of this free content is full of advertisement. Parents should preview and monitor usage of this content accordingly. I so hope to actually SEE you in August! Warmly, Mrs. Morris.

Direct link to Summer

Fun: <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/trauttechnology/summertime-fun?authuser=0>

Also, I have been told that PSD accounts will remain active throughout the summer. That means Teams and Meet should be available to students throughout the summer. For those of you who would like to continue to connect to peers through these programs, you will still have that opportunity. If I learn that this might change, I will be sure to let our community know.

Virtual Book Fair

Families, Scholastic has set up a Virtual Summer Book Fair for us. You are welcome to check it out by clicking [here](#). This is an opportunity to shop for books through Scholastic's online site, and items will be shipped directly to your home. A portion of the sales will go to our TCKS media center. Thanks for supporting our library!

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." – A.A. Milne

Saying goodbye at the end of the year is always hard for me. It seems particularly hard for me this year. But in the end, I am so very lucky to have a job that I love, surrounded by people that I love and who happen to be the best humans on the planet: our kids.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

Dr. Kendall