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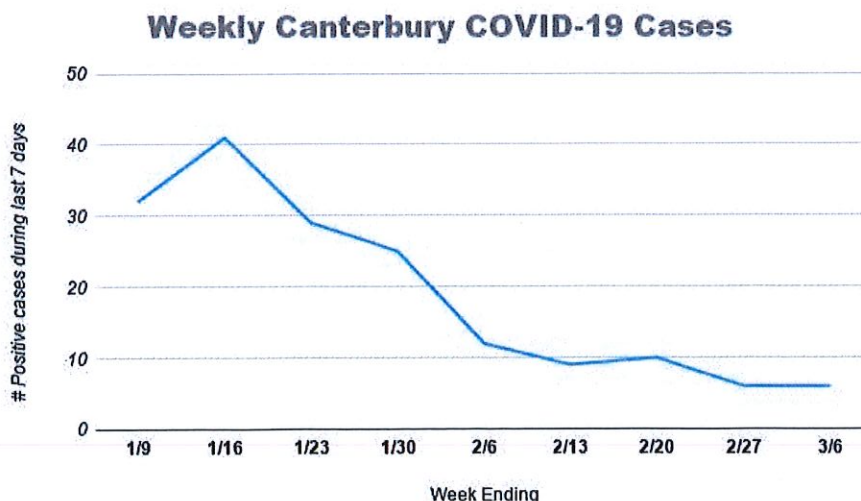
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community members:

It is hard to believe it was one year ago today when many students were sent home from school with a packet of work to last two weeks. In this past year, we have learned a lot about ourselves and our ability to overcome the most challenging situations.

Canterbury Public Schools has been fortunate to remain open for in-person learning, five-days-a-week, since October 5, 2020. It is without question that this was only possible because of the dedication of our staff. Teachers, paraeducators, bus drivers, nurses, administration, custodians, administrative assistants, food service personnel, and our substitute teachers have consistently put students first and came to work. They have complied with new protocols that were constantly evolving, adjusted work routines, compromised, and managed an unmanageable situation. For that, we owe them a giant thank you. Thank you staff!

We also want to thank our parents and guardians for putting your trust in us to provide a safe learning environment that wasn't perfect, but always striving to improve. We have great students in Canterbury and we should be proud of them.

Our staff participated in a vaccination clinic on Thursday. As more of our community continues to engage in safe behavior, current trends in Canterbury should continue to improve. Our school nurse has been tracking weekly rates and we are encouraged by current trends.



Since the start of the school year, we have implemented more technology across the district. At Baldwin Middle School we have established a 1:1 Chromebook initiative. As we learn how to better implement new learning strategies we will need to make adjustments. The Chromebook initiative required that we provide most students with a school email address. Student email accounts can improve communication between students and teachers. However, school email accounts can have drawbacks. These drawbacks may include inappropriate contact between students, as well as cyberbullying. Schools can reduce these problems if clear guidelines for school email accounts are set. We have recently changed the setting for student email accounts to only communicate with other Canterbury Public Schools email accounts. Student email accounts will no longer be able to receive emails from outside email accounts. If you recently tried to email your child you will notice the email bounced back.

Finally, with more high schools returning to in-person learning we are trying to navigate the needs of transportation. Some high schools are returning to school on Wednesdays and dismissing students at noon. Clearly, this will create problems for our elementary and middle school dismissal procedures. Administration is currently considering moving our dismissal on Wednesdays to 1:00 p.m., which will ease some of the logistical issues. We are still collecting information from our participating high schools. We will provide an update as soon as a final decision is made..

We hope that parent conferences were informative and the rest of the year is a success!

In partnership,



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