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Dear Burns Park Families,

We are writing to you today about a number of Covid 19 cases at our school.

Several students have developed symptoms on Friday evening or Saturday after being healthy and in school on Thursday and Friday. Because we are a conscientious and responsible community, families got Covid tests and found that their children were positive.

As we ask, you got in touch with Mr. Hatt or Nurse Stelzer right away and we began case investigations and contact tracing. As of this morning we have two cases in one K class, and one in a 4th grade classroom

We also have one case in one 5th grade classroom and three cases in another 5th grade classroom

We have identified close contacts in all of these classrooms and they are quarantined.

We also have one case in one 3rd grade classroom and 4 cases in another 3rd grade classroom. We have done and continue to do contact tracing in these classrooms as well and students are appropriately quarantined. Because of the large number of cases and close contacts in one 3rd grade classroom they will remain virtual at least through the end of the week.

Thank you and please continue to contact us if your child has symptoms or a test result that is positive for Covid 19. We encourage you at this time to forgo after school activities such as sports and play dates. Of course, this is not a mandate but simply a suggestion. As you know, we are not a public health experts but we are deeply invested in our children's ability to stay in school safely.

We're mindful of our children's sensitivity and understanding of this pandemic. They have heard it discussed and felt the impact on their young lives for many months. We imagine that in some ways it has become a mythic bogeyman in their hearts and imaginations. Let's be particularly sensitive and reassuring as some of them have positive tests and others are in quarantine.

One of the curious and vexing aspects of illness can be a feeling of guilt that comes with being sick, or a desire to find blame. We're confident that all are being conscientious and careful with our children and community. There's a lot we still don't understand about Covid and there seems to be a randomness to cases that can be puzzling.

We will continue to be vigilant at school and attend to distancing and masking. Thank you for your carefulness in monitoring for symptoms, testing, and staying home when necessary. As always, please reach out with questions or concerns.

Your Principals,

Chuck and Leslee