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Hello Pine Street Families

I just wanted to give you a heads up about some changes that are happening with our upcoming parent-teacher interviews. First off, we are going to still be using the School Interviews scheduling website to book appointments so that is good. With all of our Covid precautions our current round of interviews are going to have to be over the phone and not in person so please make sure when you sign up for your interview time you also add a preferred phone number that you can be reached at. Parents are asked to book a time they are available, and your child's teacher will call you during your scheduled time from the school. Due to the extensive and extended cleaning and sterilization that occurs each night in all of our EIPS schools, educational staff cannot be in the building past 5:30pm like in the past, even on interview nights. After consulting with several schools in our area, here is what we are going to do. We will have three interview nights Tues-Weds-Thurs, Oct 13, 14, 15 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. This is the same amount of time we would have spent over two days, just stretched over three. Although this is certainly not what we are used to, it does actually put parent-teacher interviews closer to being embedded into the actual workday of our teachers and will comply with the current EIPS requirements for cleaning and sterilization during these unique times. Anyways, I wanted to make sure you had a heads-up ASAP so you could have time to arrange your lives around these changes.

Sorry for the changes, especially if this creates any challenges for you. The safety of our students in this unprecedented time must be our first and foremost consideration. Allowing time for proper cleaning and sterilization of our school daily is paramount to the continued protection of all our students and staff.

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