



February 5, 2021

Dear Families,

We're writing to let you know our plans for bringing grades 5-8 back to In-Person Learning.

We have been negotiating with teachers in grades 5-8 who have expressed concerns about the COVID-19 transmission rates being higher for older students than for younger children. In light of teachers' upcoming eligibility to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and the time for immunity to become effective, **we have come to agreement with them that full In-Person Learning for grades 5-8 will start the week of March 29th, immediately after Spring Break.**

In the meantime, we will offer an in-person supervised day program for students while they continue in Remote Learning (see details below). We also know some families will prefer to stay in Remote Learning after Spring Break, and we will create staffing assignments to accommodate that. Class Teachers in grades 5-8 have agreed to schedule a February class parent meeting to talk with you in more detail.

Starting March 29, our plan for grades 5-8 consists of four full days of In-Person Learning (Tuesday through Friday), with one Remote Learning day (Monday) for teachers to coordinate with full Remote Students. See the chart below that includes all grades.

Weekly Schedule with Grades 5-8 Starting Week of March 29

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kinder	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Remote	Remote
Grades 1-4	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Remote
Grades 5-8	Remote	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

We are very aware of the stress that Remote Learning places on families. We currently have on staff a licensed teacher, Ms. Jessica Knedler, who supervises grades 5-8 students in a day-program here at Mountain Song. If you would like to participate in this in-person option until March 29th, please contact Dan Kurschner, dkurschner@mountainsongschool.com for more information.

Thank you for your partnership and patience.

Be safe and well,

The Executive Leadership Team