



Subject: KMS Community Update 4-16-21

Dear Khalsa Community,

It is refreshing to hear music teacher, Ms. Bella, working with students in the Primary, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Middle School classrooms. She has extensive experience working with students and enjoys Khalsa students' enthusiasm and energy. Khalsa faculty have worked exceptionally hard this year and the pandemic is having an effect on the health and well-being of some staff. The school is supporting faculty to heal and remain healthy as we head towards the end of the school year. It has been challenging this year for all of us.

On the MCDPH webinar yesterday, Maricopa County had substantial case numbers but a low positivity rate of 4.3% as of April 4, 2021. The vaccination rate in Maricopa County is over 40% of people age 15 and up. The survey has been completed for Distance Learning families to choose to return or stay at home. Next week a communication will be sent to those families.

At this time we will continue to patiently wait for more time to pass to determine what can be done for our many traditions. We are exploring options for alternative events for Upper Elementary and Middle School students and the transition shadowing for new to level students in late May or early June. Possible graduation or end-of-the-year ceremonies are also under discussion.

The Introduction to Lower Elementary will be this coming week via zoom on Thursday, April 22 at 4 pm. Other Introductions for families of transitioning final year students are coming up in the next weeks. They are an important means of learning about the Montessori Method and its engagement with students in their continued journey of learning. Invitations will be emailed to the appropriate families. If you do not receive an invitation, please let the office know.

Have a beautiful weekend of moderate temperatures and spring beauty.

Sincerely,

Karen Paxton  
School Director