Recess Break Procedures

Many parents and teachers have been asking about and expressing their concern about a lack of recess time. We WILL be having recess breaks during the hybrid day, allowing the students to play outside. We have tossed many ideas around just how to do this safely for all parties involved and we believe we have a plan that will work. Please read the following to help answer any questions that you might have.

- Recess breaks will be taken in grade-level groups.
- Each class is assigned a color area to play in and a designated bathroom by color to use for restroom breaks. For example, Mr. Sweeney's class is assigned the yellow area on the playground and grass to play on and will use the yellow bathrooms during the recess break.
- By assigning a specific bathroom for each class during recess, we reduce the possibility of mixing cohorts.
- Students from the same cohort can have more than one student in the bathroom at a time. If the student has to go to the bathroom during class, a yard duty will escort them to the nearest bathroom to ensure that no one from a different cohort is using the bathroom at the same time.
- Each group is allotted 15 minutes to play and use their designated restroom.
- We have purchased playground balls and carts for the students to use during their break. There are two carts of each color for each area. While one cart is being used by students during recess, the other cart will be locked and disinfected for the next recess group to use.
- We will have three yard duties out on the playground monitoring the areas (at most, there will be 50 students out on the playground at the same time).
- During the recess break, students will be allowed to have a snack from home.
- Students must do their best to keep their masks on during recess and do their best to maintain 6 feet of social distancing. Anything closer than that, a mask is required.
- When their recess break is over, there is a five-minute window for the custodial team to disinfect the bathrooms and have them clean for the next recess group.