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The following signs have been posted outside our schools to remind families to wear masks when dropping off and picking up their children:

❖ From Kim Levy, Director of Special Education (great money-saver!):

➢ This year, as a positive coming out of this pandemic, Frontline has made it possible for the special education office to go mostly paperless. We had parents complete an “opt-out” form for electronic delivery of special education documents. At this time, only about 16 families have opted out of it.

➢ In addition, we were able to set up through the Eschool Parent Portal, electronic delivery of the IEP progress report. We no longer have to print and mail home paper copies of the progress report. Parents will be able to access it through the parent portal, as they are able access student report cards.

❖ Parents have responded to our request for moves. As of this writing, we have about 40 students who want to come in-person and 20 who want remote. The deadline for requests was December 4.

❖ The Diversity and Inclusion Team met November 25. We discussed the plans for consultant Dr. Nancy Kaplan to continue cultural competency training teachers

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and administrators and organize a virtual parent meeting for January (or as soon as possible).

❖ The Health, Safety, and Security Committee convened to discuss the state of our schools on 12/1, which included a discussion regarding the next bullet.
❖ If a school is designated in a “yellow zone”, we are required to either test 20% of our in-person students, faculty, and staff over a two week period or go remote for two weeks. If our in-person school population tests lower than the yellow zone average, we will be allowed to continue in-person instruction. If we test the same or higher, we must go remote. We could also opt to go remote and not test at all; however, I believe our families need our schools to offer in-person. Therefore, we sent out a survey asking our families their willingness to test to remain open.
❖ Follow this link and scroll down to read about the achievement of our Math Enrichment students, led by their teacher, Tammie Svendsen.
❖ First graders in Ms. Zornberg’s class celebrating Thanksgiving at GCP:

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