

Dear Families and Staff;

I am sure all of you were just as excited as I was to hear the announcements from the CDC regarding the easing of restrictions on masks and other positive Covid related news. Unfortunately, CDC guidance does not supersede the authority of the NJ State Department of Health, Education, or executive orders from Governor Murphy. Therefore, until further notice: **Masks are still required in all of our school buildings.** I know we are all eager for the pandemic to end, but please plan on starting the 2021-22 school year masked.

The NJ Department of Education has required all districts to create a “Road Forward” plan for the opening of the 2021-22 school year. However, they will not be releasing the guidance for the plan until the end of May. Once we have clarity from the state we will develop our plan and share it with you. As a word of caution, last summer taught us all that the state DOE’s guidance for reopening schools can, and likely will change multiple times over the next several months. I ask for your patience and understanding as we work through this process.

Today, Governor Murphy announced that all students will be back in school for full time, in-person instruction. **There will be no remote option for students during the 2021-22 school year.** Please make your plans accordingly. In addition, the Governor has also announced an end to all out of state travel quarantine restrictions.

Students age 12 and older have been approved for vaccines. We will be sending out a form over the next few weeks so you can tell us if your child has been vaccinated. You are not required to share this information, but in the event of a Covid outbreak this will help us conduct risk assessments, student exposures, and make and quarantine decisions.

If you are interested in having your child vaccinated here are links to sign up for a time and location:

[Robert Wood Johnson](#)
[Atlantic Health](#)

We are in the process of completing the timelines and benchmarks for the transition to the new elementary school configuration. In June, you will receive a letter that will give you the official school that your child will be attending. If you wish to plan ahead, you can get a head start by looking at the map and finding your street. You can find the map [here](#).

The GL Hilltop Players are thrilled to invite you to join us for a special event -- our 2021 production of the **High School/Stay-At-Home Edition of CLUE!** This farce-meets-murder mystery is based on the 1985 cult classic film of the same name, featuring the iconic characters of Wadsworth the butler, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard in a hilarious whodunit!

You have TWO great opportunities for watching this show! All ticketing information is below.

- You can LIVESTREAM the show from home on Thursday 5/20, Friday 5/21, and Saturday 5/22 at 7PM.
- You can join us OUTDOORS at GL to view a livestream of the production on Saturday 5/22 at 8:30PM.

Please visit <https://GLHP.booktix.com> for tickets. For livestreaming from home, tickets are \$10 per streaming device (plus fees). Any viewers who need or prefer closed captions may make that selection upon purchasing tickets. For the outdoor viewing, tickets are \$5 per person (plus fees).

At this time, there are no new Covid cases.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Dr. Melissa Varley