



October 30, 2020

Dear Fletcher Hills Families,

It was great to see so many of you at our Halloween drive through event. Thank you to all of you for coming out and a big thanks to our PTA for organizing the event and donating all of the candy. We love our PTA. If you haven't joined PTA please consider joining. Joining PTA just means you support the group and allows you to vote on board members and have a voice in budget planning. Please consider joining by going to this site:

<https://jointotem.com/ca/el-cajon/fletcher-hills-elementary-pta/join>

We are moving along with finalizing our staffing and student assignments as we prepare to return to in person learning. About 13% of our families are electing to remain in distance learning and the rest will be returning to campus. As you can imagine, new procedures and polices will be in place to follow State guidelines and to keep students and staff healthy.

3 of our current teachers will be teaching online. That means that students in those three classes will need to be reassigned to other teachers in that grade level. That also means that classes will be fairly full and there will not be a great deal of room for families to elect to return from online learning. Classes will have half their normal capacity on each of the cohort days. For Kindergarten through 3rd this means classes will have 14-15 students each day and for 4th-6th Grade class size will be 15-18 in each cohort.

I am waiting for final approval from District leadership to announce those teacher assignments. Once I have approval I will send letters out to families (via email) if your child's teacher is continuing as an online teacher. Hopefully that will happen next week. Your child's teacher is not permitted to share that information. If your child is going to be reassigned, I will not be able to take requests for their new placement. That work has already been done and the complexities involved in creating cohorts and meeting those requests as well as limited space in other classes makes it impossible to honor even more requests. Thank you for your understanding.

During the week of November 9th I will be sending out a video that I will narrate that shares new information about our return to school. You can watch that at your convenience. I will then host a question and answer session the week of November 16-20 at different times in an effort to clarify anything that needs clarification. The expectation would be that parents watch the video before coming to the question and answer session so we are not using that time to go over everything that is in the video.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mrs. Cotter".

Mrs. Cotter