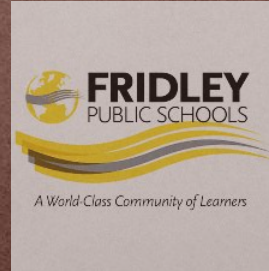


# A Giraffe's Journey Around the Sun

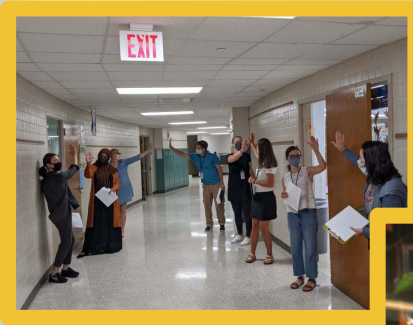
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The 2020-2021 Dedicated Staff, Scholars & Families of Hayes Elementary



June flew by like a sprint and then came July... Giraffe staff were hard at work as the summer went by...

“Two schools in one” - some would be hybrid and others online. What could this look like? Could we discover in time





	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:24-10:00	Ask Mrs. La Abate	Ask Mrs. La Abate	Ask Mrs. La Abate	Ask Mrs. La Abate	Ask Mrs. La Abate
10:11-10:45	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other
11:12-12:00	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other	Edgemony / other
12:00-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Student Check-In	Student Check-In	Prep	Student Check-In	Student Check-In
1:00-1:45	Student Check-In	Student Check-In	Group 1 & 2 Meet 1:22	Student Check-In	Student Check-In
1:45-2:00			Prep		
2:00-2:45	Group 1 Story Slitch Starting 9:28 Meet 1:43	Group 2 Story Slitch Starting 9:28 Meet 1:43	Group 3 & 4 Meet 1:43 Student Check-In	Group 3 Story Slitch Starting 9:28 Meet 1:43	Group 4 Story Slitch Starting 9:28 Meet 1:43
2:45-3:00					
Group 1:	Abdellahman Adja	Alexia, Amant	Destiny Melissa	Pf/Days, Sophia	De, Terrence Yusuf
Group 2:	Akhi, Aamodhya	Baylee, Joseph	Kyler, Nick	Payton, Samson	Syria R, Tashan
Group 3:	Adrianna R. Bryan	Calah, Harmony	Hadi, Jaylaan	Marcy, Okembi	Yafra
Group 4:	Abdulqadir, Ahsan	Daliah, Ezra	Ezra, Mervin, Sofyan	Syha V, Taylor	Wahid, Zain

ALL IN was the plan - with very little summer rest... our staff and our scholars, brought forth their very best.

For hybrid and DL the “master schedules” were set. Our scholars’ bright smiles that first day, we’ll never forget.

To say getting ready was easy - would simply... not be true. But the brilliance in planning we will show you...

With hybrid, our giraffe scholars came two days a week - a smaller class size for our teachers, but still an incredible feat.

You see, with 12 in your classroom that leaves 12 more at home, our teachers too dedicated to let any of their scholars roam.

So day after day and night after night, our teachers connect, air-hugging their scholars tight.





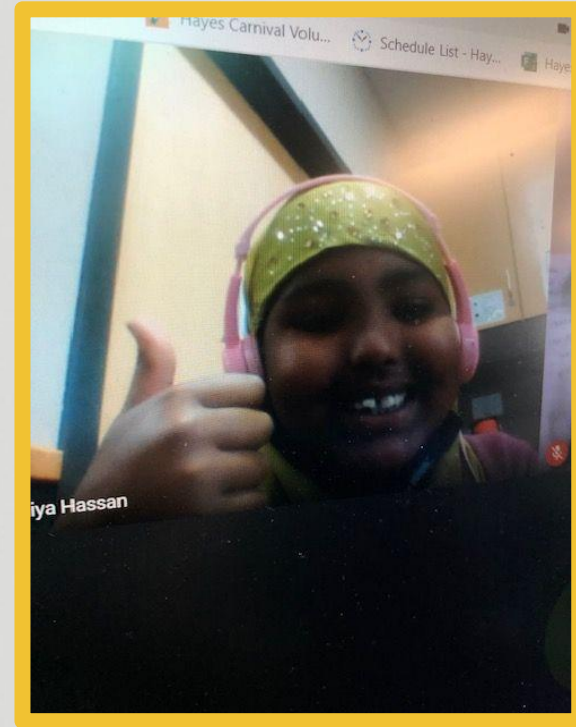
And then right down the hall - others learning online. A lasting partnership between school and home we'd begin to define.

Between virtual tools and an online classroom space - parents, scholars and teachers gave so much time and incredible grace.

The learning was new, but rigorous too. Our young scholars rose to the occasion, as they always do.

Learning's profound, both in person and online... the collaborative efforts between your house, the school and mine.

The challenges and guidelines - you see they kept coming... but our system worked hard, learning, teaching and loving.





Be safe, Be Responsible, Be Kind...On the playground

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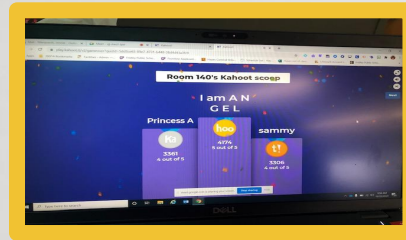
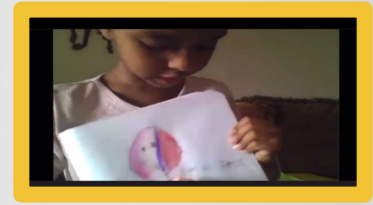
Transitions were asked,  
because safety came first...  
but the learning continued  
and the support never burst.

Tired we are... but still  
standing tall... continuing to  
nurture our scholars through  
it all.

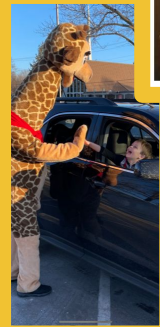
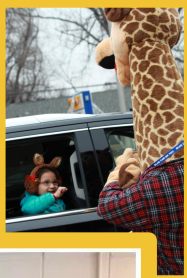
The hearts of our giraffes are an incredible size; their collaborative efforts amaze our eyes.

The next chapter is one that is still untold, but no matter the task our learning community enters it bold.

Loss of learning this year is not even a thing...we learned, together, we can tackle any obstacle a pandemic may bring.







And “bringing our learning” ... is exactly what we’ll do, as the next mountain we will climb, will have challenges and disruptions too.

We are better together - and this year we really grew... our accomplishments have shown there isn’t much we can’t do.

So, into the future - we look ahead to the fun... of our next big adventure, our next trip around the sun.

# Our Journey

