

POTTER VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families,

This week the District has been very short on staff due to COVID-19 and other illnesses. With the rising COVID cases in the county, we have experienced an increase in student and staff illnesses and quarantines. Our ability to provide a safe, clean environment as well as meals for our students has only been achieved through the willingness of staff to work together and many times outside of their area of expertise. We greatly appreciate all our staff has done this week to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. Next week, our staffing shortages should be remedied with the return of many staff members.

Our health and safety of our staff and students is always our first concern. After speaking to our board president, our union reps, our offices, and the affected departments, we have determined it is in the best interest of our student safety as well as the safety and mental wellness of our staff to look at our calendars and provide relief to our staff. Tomorrow, January 13, 2022, we will be using a vacation day to extend the weekend to 4 days. The KUDOS program will also be closed on Friday. In exchange, we will return on April 18 from spring break instead of on April 19. We understand the short notice and timing may put some families under additional stress and we appreciate your flexibility.

On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, we will be opening early to allow more students and staff to test before school begins. We will open at 7:00 am and ask those who are signed up to test to do so before going to class.

I appreciate your flexibility and if you have any questions, please contact your school offices. I hope this 4 day weekend will provide some rest and some wellness for the weeks to come.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicole Odell
Superintendent/Principal
Potter Valley Community Unified School District