



Friday, September 25, 2020  
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**\*As stated upon enrollment, we follow the Bridgeport Public School Calendar. We are closed Monday (September 28th) on behalf of Yom Kippur. School will resume on Tuesday (September 29th)\***

Hello Parents,

On behalf of Academy of Independent Learners (AIL) we would like to thank you and your children for a memorable first month of school! For the past 16 years, Bridgeport CT Center of The Arts (BCCA) has been a leading arts, education and social agency for youth to thrive. AIL is an extension of BCCA's legacy--and together, they're committed to empowering their students and their communities.

Thank you for supporting us as we go through AIL's first year of school in a pandemic. We know it hasn't been easy. As the first month comes to a close, below are a few housekeeping rules that will make your child's ability to learn as safe as possible. Keeping our students, your family, and our staff safe is our priority and we appreciate your cooperation.

#### Pick up and Drop off

- **ALL parents/guardians must have a MASK ON to enter the building. No exceptions.**
- Children in daycare should arrive between 7:00am – 9:45am.
- Students Kindergarten – Upper School can arrive between 7:00am- 9:00am. After 9:00AM the student will be marked as tardy in our attendance system.
- In the mornings, **students (daycare - grade 5) must be dropped off *and* signed in by a parent/guardian in the front.** Parents/Guardians of upper school students must submit a letter/note with a signature, if the child walks or gets dropped off outside.
- **Upon arrival and before signing in, a staff member will take each child's temperature in the lobby.** After signing in, a staff member will escort children to their classroom.
- Due to COVID-19 and standard safety rules, **we are asking parents not to enter past the front desk to limit the amount of outside contact throughout the building.**
- If the second set of doors at the front entrance is locked, please ring and hold the white doorbell in order to enter.
- At the end of the school day, students need to be signed out at the front desk by a parent/guardian.
- **If no one is at the front desk, please do not walk through the building for any reason because of COVID-19 and standard safety rules.** Instead, ring the gold bell.

#### What to pack – Part I

- **Please supply your children with lunch everyday.** To avoid longer lunch periods, we kindly ask that children are packed with food that does not require heating by a microwave or stove. **Heating up food is no longer available.** As an alternative, we recommend hot foods are packed in a thermos bowl or cup. (*This includes spoons and forks*)
- Please be conscious of foods that contain nuts as some children have allergies.



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What to pack – Part II

- **DAYCARE:** It is essential that children in daycare are sent with a plentiful amount of diapers, wipes, a change of clothes, food, towels and sheets, etc in order to accommodate them for the entire school day. Towels and sheets will be sent home every Friday for cleaning.
- **K - 5:** It is essential that children are sent with food *and* a change of clothes in case of emergencies.
- **Please label ALL items sent with your child.** (*Coat, lunch bag, book bag, change of clothes, etc*)

As parents/guardians we know that you are invested in the success of your children just as we are here at ALL. As a way to keep you informed, parents/guardians will be able to log into ThinkWave and track their children's progress, with new updates coming every Friday. Additionally as the school year continues, we ask that all parents are mindful of their incoming emails and/or text messages as this is how we will be communicating all important school updates.

We know this year is challenging in many ways but together we will get through it!

Thank You For Your Cooperation,  
 The Academy of Independent Learners

Mark Your Calendar	
Monday, September 28th	CLOSED - Yom Kippur
Friday, October 2nd	School Picture Day
Friday, October 30th	Annual Haunted House Fundraiser <i>(COVID-Friendly)</i>
End of October - To Be Determined (TBD)	Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase <i>(Virtual)</i>
Before Winter Recess (December) - TBD	Winter Showcase/Play

*(Please Cut)*

*Please provide the information below and send it back with your child on Tuesday, September 29th.*

Please confirm that you've read and agree to the above: Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____	How do you prefer to receive school updates? <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email  Child's Name: _____ Phone # : _____ Email: _____
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