



# The Dino Bytes

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At Project Impact STEM Academy we continue to work hard to make our vision and mission statement visible in everything we do no matter what obstacles we encounter. Over the past 2 years, we have seen tremendous growth in your students both educationally and socially. Our teachers and staff are steadfast in their efforts to help your students not lose their momentum and succeed and gain confidence in the face of life's current struggles.

Central District Health moved Kuna into Category 2, Yellow, on Tuesday. What this means for Pi STEM is that if we remain in Category 2, Yellow, on Monday (9/14) students will **return to school on Wednesday, (9/16)** in the AM/PM Hybrid model. The AM/PM schedules can be found on our website, [www.pistem.org](http://www.pistem.org).

If CDH moves Kuna back to category 3, Red, we will still have some classes in attendance next week for IRI testing or for additional Summit Learning on-boarding. If we are in the red, we will not have more than one class in attendance (on the hybrid AM/PM schedule) per building.

Please see the below schedule to better understand how your family will attend school next week, if we are in Category 2, Yellow, or if we are in Category 3, Red.

Note that there is a schedule below for each grade band: Primary, Elementary, and Secondary.

## (K-3) Primary

	If in Category 2 (Yellow)		If in Category 3 ( Red)	
	In-person Attendance	Online Attendance	In-person Attendance for State IRI Testing	Online Attendance
Monday, 9/14	None	ALL	None	ALL
Tuesday, 9/15	None	ALL	None	ALL
Wednesday, 9/16	All in-person 3.5 hour Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 1.5 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade AM/PM</b> - COVID Plan for onsite students in the red category will be maintained, masks required.	Kindergarten AM/PM, 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade AM/PM, & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade AM/PM
Thursday, 9/17	All in-person 3.5 hr. Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 1.5 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade AM/PM &amp; Kindergarten AM/PM</b> - COVID Plan for onsite students in the red category will be maintained, masks required.	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade AM/PM & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade AM/PM

Friday, 9/18	All in-person 3.5 hr. Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 1.5 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade AM/PM</b> - COVID Plan for onsite students in the red category will be maintained, masks required.	Kindergarten AM/PM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade AM/PM, & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade AM/PM
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### (4-6) Elementary

	If in Category 2 (Yellow)		If in Category 3 ( Red)	
	In-person Attendance	Online Attendance	In-person Attendance for Additional Onboarding	Online Attendance
Monday, 9/14	None	ALL	None	ALL
Tuesday, 9/15	None	ALL	None	ALL
Wednesday, 9/16	All in Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 1.5 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade only</b> , COVID Plan for onsite students in the red category will be maintained, masks required.	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade AM/PM, 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade AM/PM
Thursday, 8/17	All in Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 1.5 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	None	ALL
Friday, 9/18	All in Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 1.5 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	None	ALL

### (7-11) Secondary

	If in Category 2 (Yellow)		If in Category 3 ( Red)	
	In-person Attendance	Online Attendance	In-person Attendance	Online Attendance
Monday, 9/14	None	ALL	None	ALL
Tuesday, 9/15	None	ALL	None	ALL

Wednesday, 9/16	All in Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 2-3 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	None	ALL
Thursday, 8/17	All in Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 2-3 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	None	ALL
Friday, 9/18	All in Hybrid AM/PM classes - COVID Plan for onsite students in the yellow category will be maintained, masks required. per CDH.	None, however, students still have their additional 2-3 hours per day of self-directed learning for their core classes.	None	ALL

**Please Note:** When we do start in-person learning, there will still be the additional ~1.5 hours of self directed learning to be completed at home.

**Important reminders for when we come back to campus:**

- **Please bring your student with a water bottle.** Our drinking fountains will be turned off during COVID-19. We will have touchless water bottle fill stations to fill water bottles brought from home.
- **Students must wear masks during in-person learning.**
- **Please bring your students school supplies with them the first day back on campus.**
- **There will be no lunch period during the AM/PM Hybrid schedule.**
- **Please bring your fully charged PiSTEM issued Chromebook in a protective sleeve.**

**Please remember to charge your Chromebook overnight so it is fully charged when you arrive at school.**  
**We do not have enough outlets to charge each Chromebook during class.**

**Class Dojo:** If you have not yet connected to your students House teacher or grade level on Class Dojo, please reach out to your student’s teacher so they can send you the invite. Teacher contact information can be found on our website, [www.pistem.org](http://www.pistem.org), under the STAFF tab at the top of the page.

**Material Pick Up/Drop Off:** We will still have our Homework pick up/drop off on Monday 9/14 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Classes that will have materials to pick up either at the school or at your assigned bus stop will be posted on Class Dojo. Please remember that the Homework bus routes differ from the regular bus routes. Check [BrownBusCompany.com](http://BrownBusCompany.com) for the condensed Homework route. If you would prefer to pick materials up at the school instead of your assigned stop, please let your students' teacher know so we can ensure it is at the correct location.

**Laptop Sleeve:** We highly encourage you to purchase a laptop sleeve to help protect the school issued Chromebooks during the travel back and forth between home and school. The Chromebooks are 11.6 inches wide. Amazon has many reasonably priced laptop sleeves. Don’t forget to select Project Impact STEM Academy as the organization you’re supporting when you purchase through Amazon Smile([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)). Using Amazon Smile is at no extra cost to you. Amazon will donate a portion of your order to the organization of your choice.

**Tech Support:** If you are experiencing any technical difficulties either with the physical chromebook or software issue including password errors and Buzz account issues, please contact Mrs. Prillaman. She would be happy to assist you!

**Tech Support Phone Number: 208-559-1019**

**Tech Support Email: [aprillaman@pistem.org](mailto:aprillaman@pistem.org)**

There are tutorial videos on our website, [www.pistem.org](http://www.pistem.org), for Agilix Buzz and Summit learning for parents and/or students to refer back to if they are lost with how to get to parts of the programs.

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

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**9/14** 5:30 PM - PTA Meeting and Parent Q&A (Q&A to start at 6:30 PM)

**9/17** Domino's Pizza Dough Night

**9/25** Fall Picture Day (dependent on whether we are in-person or online, more information to follow)

**10/6** 6:30 PM - Regular Meeting of the Board

## Board Tidbits

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We would like to welcome our newest Board Member, Nelson White and our new Business Manager, Amy Weber!

We are still looking for an additional board member to join the team! Please email Mr. Peterson at [bpeterson@pistem.org](mailto:bpeterson@pistem.org) for more information and to apply.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm.

## PTA News

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You are invited to our PTA meeting 5:30 pm Monday, 9/14 with a parent Q&A at 6:30 pm. We will be outside. Please bring a chair. If you would like to join us via zoom, send us an email at [ppp@pistem.org](mailto:ppp@pistem.org)

### Project Impact STEM Academy's Mission Statement

Project Impact STEM Academy will provide an **engaging, adaptive learning environment** through the use of **personalized** learning plans, **intentionally** integrated curriculum, mastery-based **progression**, and **authentic** projects embedded in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In this environment, students will **gain confidence**, practice failure until it is no longer intimidating, and become **invested** in the **life-long** pursuit of **knowledge**.