

September 25, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your input, your insight, and your patience as we navigate our return to in-person learning. We are thrilled to begin in-person learning for your child on Thursday, October 1. Safety is our priority. Our class schedule will be very similar to the distance learning schedule so that there is consistency, in case we need to return to distance learning at any time.

Outlined below is some safety information that we hope is helpful to you. These guidelines have been recommended by the local health department, Center for Disease Control, and the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Transportation: We are encouraging parents to transport their children to and from school, if possible, to better practice social distancing and to not mix groups of students. However, we do have bus transportation available if needed. The temporary bus schedule will be posted on our school website by Tuesday. Cleaning and safety measures will be in place. Please let the office know if your child will need bus transportation.

Wellness pre-screening: Before entering school each morning, please fill out the online pre-screening check "Covid 19 Wellness Screening" on Skyward Family Access or we can provide a paper version by request that will need to be completed daily and turned in with your child's attendance.

Schedule: The first and second grade class will start our in-person learning on Thursday, October 1st. We will meet in-person Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesdays will remain a virtual learning day so that we can maintain school safety and sanitization. On the days we meet in-person, the school day will start at 8:00 and we will eat breakfast in the classroom between 8:00 and 8:30 while we are having our circle time and our whole group math discussion. We will be taking an outdoor mask break at 9:00 and again for a recess/snack at 10:00. The third outdoor mask break will be at 11:15. We will be encouraging lots of hand washing, and the bathrooms will be open and available for use throughout the day.

Our class will have a live music class in our classroom with Mrs. Hodapp from 11:30 to 12:00 on Monday and Friday as well as the usual virtual meeting on Wednesday.

We will be eating lunch in the classroom at noon each day and then going outside for a movement break (recess) until 12:30.

Our PE class will also be live and outside every afternoon from 1:50 to 2:20 with Mrs. Locke, so please wear appropriate clothing! The live PE classes will be instead of our Tuesday 11:30 music time.

Social distancing: Each student will have their own desk to store personal pencil boxes and school supplies. The desks will be six or more feet apart and will be sanitized before and after meals and at the end of each school day.

Face masks: Wearing face masks in the school is required, and they must be washed every day. It is recommended that you send a few spares in your child's backpack so they can be changed when needed.

Cleaning/Disinfecting: Classes will be cleaned each day. In addition, Wednesday classes will be online so that we have time mid-week to deep clean and disinfect our classroom. We will also do a deep clean on Friday afternoons.

Online option: Our intention is to continue our Google Meet class schedule as closely as possible. If your child is unable to join the class in-person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, he/she will still be able to link to the instruction.

Counseling support: Our new counselor, Sierra Preston, is available for any emotional support and guidance. She will continue to provide regular guidance lessons.

Bring from home:

- Masks (2 preferred)
- Snacks
- Water bottle - bottle fillers are available
- Chromebook - bring daily
- Notebooks and workbooks
- Personal school supplies

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to having a class full of students again.

All the best,

Emily Hopple, 1st/2nd Grade Teacher

Dr. Ralph Pruitt, Superintendent