

August 10, 2020

Students and Parents/Guardians,

North Elementary Staff is very excited to be starting school our 2020-2021 school year! We have been doing lots of planning and are just about ready!

Due to COVID-19 the CDC and the District have placed our schools into the yellow category 2 to open our school this year. This places us into the Hybrid Plan where Monday through Thursday half our student body will attend school in the morning and be sent home with tasks to complete for the afternoon and half our student body will attend school in the afternoon and will be sent home with tasks to complete the following morning before attending school. Friday students will be learning online or completing tasks assigned by their teachers.

Our Morning Session will be held from 8:25 AM to 11:15 AM. (Busses may arrive earlier, and special arrangement have been made to accommodate bus students only.) Walking and parent/guardian drop off students eating breakfast will be welcomed at 8:00 AM. This is when crossing guards will be posted at our two crosswalks. Students not eating breakfast should not arrive at school until 8:15 AM when we will have staff on the playgrounds. The school bell will ring at 8:25 AM and teachers will walk out to the playground where they will arrange on the first day of school with their students to meet so that they can appropriately social distance. (Please remember that parents are not allowed on the playground until the end of the session; 11:10 to 11:25.)

Our Afternoon Session will be held from 12:15 PM to 3:00 PM. (Busses may arrive earlier, and special arrangements have been made to accommodate bus students only.) Walking and parent/guardian drop off students eating lunch will be welcomed at 11:45 AM. This is when crossing guards will be posted at our two crosswalks. Students not eating lunch should not arrive at school until 12:00 noon when we will have staff on the playgrounds. The school bell will ring at 12:10 PM and teachers will walk out to the playground where they will arrange on the first day of school with their students to meet so that they can appropriately social distance. (Please remember that parents are not allowed on the playground until the end of the session; 2:55.)

I am so sorry to announce that no visitors will be allowed in the building for 1st quarter, due to COVID 19. This will be reassessed each quarter. It is district procedure for all students and staff to wear masks. The district has purchased a mask for every staff member and student and our community Backpack Bridge has purchased mask lanyards to help students keep track of their mask. Students who come to school on the first day not wearing a mask will be given a district purchased mask and will need to return daily with their mask. It is mandatory that masks will be worn on busses and in the building.

This year more than any other year we will be relying on parents/guardians to help all students and staff stay healthy by keeping your child home if they do not feel well. If your child has a fever (100.4 or higher), chills, has nausea or is vomiting, has unexplained muscle or body aches, diarrhea, a new loss of taste or smell, a headache, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or has a sore throat please keep them home. Staff and/or students exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 will be immediately sent home. We highly recommend that they get tested for the virus; if they test negative, they can return to work/school once the symptoms have been gone for 24 hours without medicine. If symptomatic individuals aren't tested, they must self-quarantine for at least 10 days and be symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours.

Students are welcome to bring personal water bottles to stay hydrated throughout their session. Hallway fountains will be turned off, but the water bottle refilling stations and classroom fountains will be open.

We look forward to teaching and staying healthy with all of our North Elementary students.

We will continue to post and email new information. Breakfast and Lunch procedures will be coming soon.

Thank you for trusting us with your most prized possessions, your children.

Mrs. Straw and the North Elementary Staff