

August 10, 2020

Students and Parents/Guardians,

We have continued to plan for students to come back to school next week and are excited to share a few more pieces of information to help start the year:

LUNCH: We have had a lot of questions about how our breakfast and lunch program will work this year, so we are hoping to answer some of those questions today. This year, our meals will be a sack breakfast or lunch, which will be handed to the students as they enter the kitchen. To start the year, students will be given a few choices of their sides and their milk. There will only be one main dish. All items in the bag will be disposable and students will be spaced out on the benches in the cafeteria to eat. We may also have students eat outside, depending on the weather and how many students are eating each day.

Our morning session students will be able to eat breakfast in the cafeteria, prior to the start of the school day. Once they are in class, they can then order a lunch, which will be packed for them and given to them as they leave at the end of the day. Our afternoon session students will then be able to eat lunch in the cafeteria, prior to the start of their day. Once they are in class, they can then order a breakfast, which will be packed for them and given to them as they leave at the end of the day.

On Wednesdays, students will be asked to place their order for a breakfast and/or lunch for Friday. These meals will be sent home with students on Thursday, as they leave. This means, students could be bringing home three meals that day, so please be aware they will be carrying an extra bag for the weekend.

The cost for a full price breakfast is \$1.35 and the cost of lunch is \$2.90. Families who have completed the Free and Reduced lunch application either through Meal Time or the paper version, should be receiving a letter letting them know about their qualification for the program, however, families are responsible for paying for the meals until they are qualified. Families must complete the application each year, so if you have not filled out an application for the 2020-2021 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Again, the application can be filled out through your Meal Time account, found on our website or we have paper copies in the front office.

For those students attending the afternoon session and who normally bring a cold lunch to school, we are asking that if possible, those students eat at home. We also understand that due to the schedule, some families might need their students to eat their cold lunches at school. If your child needs to eat their cold lunch at school, we are asking that they bring their lunch to the cafeteria and either have all disposable items or that they place their lunch box back in their backpack once they have finished their meal.

Students who walk or are driven to school should arrive no earlier than 8:00 AM for breakfast or 8:15 AM if not eating breakfast for the morning session and 11:45 AM for lunch or 12:00 noon if not eating lunch for the afternoon session. This allows them time to eat breakfast or lunch prior to the first bell, while also giving time to our bus drop off and arrival.

DISMISSAL: In order to do some social distancing while dismissing students the following times and doors will be used.

AM Session:

4th grade students will exit the back playground doors at 11:10 AM

3rd grade students will exit the far front playground doors at 11:10 AM

2nd grade students will exit the far front playground doors at 11:15 AM

1st grade students will exit the playground doors near the parking lot at 11:10 AM

Kinder students will exit the playground doors near the parking lot at 11:15 AM

PM Session:

4th grade students will exit the back playground doors at 2:55 PM

3rd grade students will exit the far front playground doors at 2:55 PM

2nd grade students will exit the far front playground doors at 3:00 PM

1st grade students will exit the playground doors near the parking lot at 2:55 PM

Kinder students will exit the playground doors near the parking lot at 3:00 PM

You are welcome to meet your children on the playground at the end of each session. Parents are welcome to enter the playground 15 minutes prior to student release times.

OPEN HOUSE: Come Meet Your Child's Teacher. Kinder students are scheduled for August 17th (between 9 AM and 3 PM) replacing their first day of school and 1st grade through 4th grade students are scheduled for August 21st (between 9 AM and 3 PM) replacing the first day of online learning. Specific times to promote social distancing will be announced soon. Students will be allowed to bring one parent to meet their teacher and gets some information about their class.

STUDENT SUPPLIES: All Supplies students will need at school have been purchased for them.

Thank You again for entrusting your children with us.

See You Soon!

Mrs. Straw and the North Elementary Staff