

It's time to start school!



Whether you have chosen to come to the school building or learn online, we are excited to have our students back with us for another year of

OPEN HOUSE

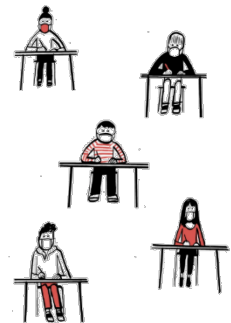
learning. Typically, we have an open house prior to school starting at school, but this year we will be doing a virtual tour of our school along with messages from the teachers. I will send out a link via email, class dojo and post it on the school web site.

For those that are doing **MyPCS** for the first 9 weeks, your assigned teacher will reach out to you and help you set up for online learning.



For those of you who have chosen to return to school, please read the following concerning many changes to how school will be for the first 9 weeks.

- School will start on August 24. Our times will continue to be 8:45 to 2:55. The campus opens for students at 8:15. Due to social distancing, students will no longer be able to congregate in the front of the school. Therefore, parents may not drop students off before 8:15. The YMCA has before and after care for those that need it. Here is the phone number 525-0937. The school parking lot will be blocked off until 8:15.
- Upon arrival students will go directly to class. We will have two stations available for students who want breakfast. One for the bus circle and the other for the car line. It will be a grab and go breakfast that students will eat in the classroom. Breakfast will stop being served at 8:45. Any student who arrives after 8:45 will not be provided a breakfast.
- Masks – All will be required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. The school will provide a reusable cloth (washable) mask and lanyard for each student. I suggest that your child have their own mask for the first day of school. Classrooms have been set up to maximize distance from one another. The expectation is masks are to be worn at all times when social distancing is not possible.
- Special Classes – Students will continue to have art, music and PE weekly along with recess.



- Lunch – Lunch will be in the cafeteria for most classes. We have opened the dividing wall that separates the cafeteria and the multipurpose room to allow for social distancing.
- Daily Learning – teachers will cover all the state standards required of each grade level. We are not changing the curriculum. Students will still be able check out books, work on computers and collaborate with their peers. Your child will still receive small group instruction and have access to centers & science lab.

- The Clinic – If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If a student gets sick during the school day, our nurse will assess your child as in the past and consult with you. If a student exhibits illness beyond the normal stomach ache or “boo-boo”, we will request that you pick your child up. I strongly encourage you to make back-up plans for pick up and provide the front office with several people for us to contact on your behalf. Students may be isolated if they exhibit Covid symptoms.



- Dismissal – Please be patient as we try to release the children as safely and efficiently as possible with social distancing. Like the start of every school year, dismissal is not fun! As your principal, I truly appreciate everyone’s smile and understanding. More information on the process will be shared at our Virtual Open House.
- Cleaning – We have developed a cleaning schedule that allows for daily cleaning/disinfecting of the school building. Supplies will be provided in each classroom to allow for the cleaning of workspaces by students if they choose. These supplies will be non-irritant chemical that do not require a PPE.
- Visitors – For the first 9 weeks, we are not allowing any visitors on campus that do not have essential business for the operation of the school. Unfortunately, this means that we cannot allow parents or families to visit for lunch. Also, all extracurricular activities have been suspended for the first 9 weeks. This does not include afterschool tutoring.



- First week of school – We will have additional adults to help your child out of your car and to their class. The same is true for our bus students. PLEASE do not park and walk your child in. We kindly ask that you use the carline to drop off your child. I know this is scary for our first-time students and not the way we normally do things. However, this is our truth right now. I promise I will have plenty of adults to help your child to class.

- PreK Drop Off will be in the PreK parking lot. You will see several adults there to welcome your child to school. PreK parents may park and walk their child to the front doors. You will receive additional directions from your child’s teacher on where to pick them up that afternoon. Only PreK parents are to use this parking area. Thank you everyone else for observing this rule all year long.

