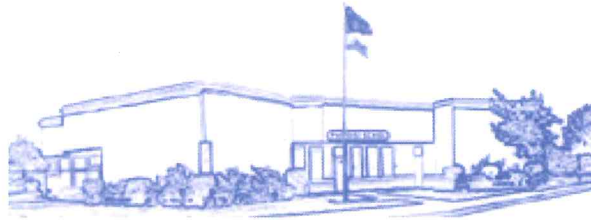


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December 27, 2021

Paradise Parents/Guardians:

It has come to my attention that Governor Newsom has recommended that all students be COVID tested before returning to school. The reason he has made this recommendation is to control the spread of COVID-19 in our schools so we are not forced to shut down. The fear is that the Holiday season and gatherings could potentially cause some outbreaks, and the spread in schools could become difficult to manage.

As a precaution, if you can have your child tested prior to returning to school, it would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot find a home test, or cannot be tested at your doctor's office, a test should be available for you to test at home. We are expecting to receive tests soon. Please contact Karen in the front office, at 209-524-0184 or kspeckman@paradiseesd.org and make arrangements to get a test from school. Karen will be on site Monday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 4.

If your child is not tested prior to the return of school, it is ok, and he/she will not be turned away from the classroom, but if your child exhibits any of the symptoms for COVID-19, please keep them at home until the symptoms subside. Our main priority is to keep your children and families safe, along with our staff and their families, by controlling the spread at school.

We have done an amazing job of managing the Pandemic for the first half of the year, and we would like to continue for the remainder of the school year. At this time, masks are still required indoors at school and hopefully that will be lifted in the near future. Thanks for your continued support and willingness to keep our doors open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Heath Thomason". The signature is fluid and cursive.

E. Heath Thomason