

August 10, 2020

# Welcome Back Raccoons!



## Sul Ross Elementary

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## Important Dates

- Virtual Meet the Teacher- August 18th from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Online students pick up supplies and books/ Face to face parents drop off student medication - August 19th at 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.
- First Day of School- August 20th

## Principal's News

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and a new school year is upon us. We are excited about the upcoming year and ready to get started. Our campus theme for the 2020-21 school year is Ross Raccoons are Super Heroes. This year will be full of learning adventures as we work together to ensure a bright future for your student whether online or face to face.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 20th. We will host a virtual Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 18th from 5:30-7:00. To allow you to visit with teachers of several grade levels, each grade level will have a specific time as follows: PK- 5:30-5:45 p.m., K- 5:45-6:00 p.m., 1st- 6:00-6:15 p.m., 2nd- 6:15-6:30 p.m., 3rd- 6:30-6:45 p.m., 4th- 6:45-7:00 p.m.. You will be emailed a link to meet virtually with your child's teacher(s).

If your child will be participating in online learning we will host a drive through distribution for you to pick up your child's school supplies, consumable materials and laptop if you have one assigned to you on Wednesday, August 19th. Face to face parents can also drop off medication to the nurse at this time. You will drive through the car rider pickup line entering on Parkway Terrace and exiting on Carter Creek to pick up your student's items. You are welcome to come pick up items at the following times: 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m..

## Face to Face Safety Protocols

- Sanitation stations at main entrances and every classroom
- Plexiglass dividers available in the classrooms to separate students
- Signage throughout the building emphasizing safety protocols
- The playground is divided into zones for recess
- Masks will be required for all staff and all 3rd and 4th graders and recommended for PK-2nd graders
- Students will be provided with individual materials
- No visitors will be allowed on campus, including parents - this includes the first day of school
- Desks separated in the classrooms to promote social distancing
- Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom
- Frequent disinfecting of classrooms and restrooms
- Only water bottle filling stations will be used and water fountains will not be used
- Protocols in place for if a student or staff member is exposed or tests positive for COVID-19
- No deliveries will be allowed ie: student lunches, birthday items/foods etc.

## Parents- We Need Your Help

- Please check students for any Covid-19 symptoms each morning.
- If your student(s) are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or someone in the family was exposed or tested positive, please keep your student home and contact the school.
- Talk to your child before the first day of school to let him or her know that school staff will help him or her get to their classroom on the first day of school since parents will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms.
- Please be sure to send your student to school with a mask; students in 3rd and 4th grade are required to wear a mask and students in PK-2 are encouraged to wear one
- Please send your student to school with a water bottle; water bottle filling stations will be used to fill water bottles and no water fountains will be used
- Please practice wearing a mask with your PK-2nd grade students, if possible; this will help promote the safety of our teachers and students
- If you have the ability to drive your student to school, please do so. This will help reduce the number of students on the bus, thereby increasing safety.
- Please notify the school a few days before the end of the 6 week period if you plan to change your choice or online or face to face learning. This will allow us optimal time to make preparations to support your student with supplies and instructional materials.

# Face to Face Learning

## Arrival

- Doors open at 7:00 a.m. and the school day begins at 7:35 a.m.- Students will pick up their breakfast and go to their classrooms or go directly to their classrooms if they are not eating breakfast.
- Car riders- Cars will enter the drive on Parkway Terrace and exit on Carter Creek. Please note, the staff parking entrance is also on Carter Creek, please stay in the right lane when exiting.
- Buses enter the drive on Carter Creek and students enter through the cafeteria doors.
- Walkers enter through the front entrance of the school.

**First Day of School:** We have included in this letter the following to ensure a smooth and safe first day:

- Bus Tag- Please attach to student's backpack if your student is a bus rider
- Identification tag for PK, Kindergarten & 1st grade- Please complete the information on the tag and attach it to your child's backpack
- Name tags for PK & Kindergarten -Please write your child's first and last name on the name tag and affix it to the front of your child's shirt for the first 3 days of school.
- We will have staff located outside and throughout the building to help students get to their classrooms.

## Dismissal

- The school day ends at 3:10- Students will either be a car rider, ride the bus or be a walker. As in the past, there will be no walk-ups at dismissal. Parents will not be permitted to "walk up" and get a student during dismissal.
- Walkers are released at the cul de sac on Spring Lane
- Car riders- be sure to have your tag hanging so the number is easily visible. Everyone will be required to show a tag in order to pick up a student.
- Bus riders will be provided with a tag to identify the bus number. Staff will double check tags
- If you will be picking your student up early or changing the way he or she will leave school, be sure to do so before 2:30 and before 1:30 on early dismissal Wednesdays.
- Notice of a change in the way a student will leave school must be done in writing or through email, phone calls are not accepted. This is to ensure the safety of our students.

## Attendance

- Attendance is an important part of a student's success. Please make every effort to have your student at school on time to avoid a late arrival and limit early pickups, both of which are considered absences. The official attendance time is 10:00 a.m..

# Online Learning

## Attendance

Students must login each day and work on assignments provided by the teacher to be counted present. More specific information about this is coming. Please be aware that truancy applies to students who are not consistently logging in and completing assignments.

## Supplies and Materials

The school supply list is available on the Bryan ISD website and at most local stores. Students will need the supplies required to use for online learning. Families who need assistance with supplies will be provided with some items from the school.

## Distribution Day- Wednesday, August 19th

Families can come to the school to pick up computers if one has been assigned to you, supplies and materials needed for online learning. When picking up supplies, families will drive through the car rider pickup line entering on Parkway Terrace and exiting on Carter Creek at one of the following times:

- 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

## Work Space

Students need an established school work space at home. This space needs to be free from clutter and noise so the student can concentrate and focus on their schoolwork.

## Online Learning Platform

Bryan ISD teachers will continue to facilitate online learning through Schoology. If you are new to the district, more information will be provided to you on how to access your student's account.

## Daily Schedule

It is beneficial for parents to create a schedule for students to follow during online learning.

## Ross Elementary Staff

Grade Level	Teachers	Conference Time
PK	Alexandra Kendall Monita Harris Marissa Ruiz Geneva Garcia Tranice Washington Jesha Ramirez	10:20-11:20
K	Katie Brown Rachel Evans Elizabeth Salinas Ashley Whitworth	11:35-12:35
1st	Kathy Davis Lindsey Douglass Tammy Knighton Tricia Olivarez Lisa Thames Explore-Amy Sullivan	2:05-3:05
2nd	Wendy Branum Kerry Burt Kylie Hammack Rachel Ibarra Victoria Jordan Explore-Alexandra Nordstrom	12:45-1:45
3rd	Savannah Garcia Rebekah Graus Anita Pittman Lindsey Willingham Explore-Elizabeth Desern	7:50-8:50
4th	Steffani Jones Katelyn Land Hannah Lorton Kellee Steen Explore-Kayla Siegert	9:05-10:05

Area	
Office	Secretary- Casey Cain Attendance Clerk- Rhonda Body-Seyfus Counselor-Kristy Weintraub Assistant Principal- Angela Williams Assistant Principal- Aubrey Rives
Instructional Coaches	Jeanie Cochrane Daniel De La Rosa Angela Hudson
Behavior Specialists	Latasha Muckelroy Brandon Taylor
Special Education	Resource- John Laymon Assistants- Sandra Bass, Allyson Ely, Sandra Gonzalez Flex- Shaneka Mason Assistants- Susan Baker, Monica Munguia Resource/Flex- jordan Wilkins Assistants- Jose Bustos, Lisa Cox, Phillip Harris, Melinda Rychlik
Specials	PE- Jeffrey Pote Asst. -Annette Morgan Music- Lisa Tarver Art- Dominique Simmons Library- Ebony Amos

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to a wonderful school year with your student! Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (979) 209-1500 or [amy.bay@bryanisd.org](mailto:amy.bay@bryanisd.org).