

## Central Elementary (updated 7/17/20)

### COVID 19 School Re-Entry Guidance for Parents/Guardians

\*Please understand that all of these guidelines are subject to change as we receive new guidance from the CDC, DOE, Vermillion County Health Dept., and our corporation policy.

\*The safety of our students and staff are our top priority. We have also tried to consider the social and emotional needs of our students and include opportunities for them to socialize with their peers and safely enjoy spending time together at school.

- Student day will be 8 - 2:40 on Mon.-Thur. and 8 - 2:10 on Fri.
  - Buses will arrive between 7:35 - 7:50. Buses will stagger drop off times so smaller groups of students are entering one at a time. Bus riders will enter through the front door. Students must wear a mask while riding the bus.
  - Car riders may be dropped off beginning at 7:30. Doors will not open until 7:30 and students can not wait outside the doors. Students must remain in cars until the doors open. Car riders will enter through the 8th street side. If you are able to provide transportation for your students, please do so. This will help reduce the number of bus riders to better ensure social distancing on the bus.
  - Walkers- Doors will not open for walkers until 7:30. Please ensure that your child leaves at an appropriate time to be on time but not arrive before 7:30.
  - A grab & go breakfast will be available when students enter the building. Please talk to your students if you do not want them taking a breakfast. Students will be charged as normal for meals. Students will report directly to homeroom and will eat in the classroom.
- Masks will be worn by all students and staff during transition times and when students are not seated in traditional classroom seating patterns. Masks will not be removed until class begins and all students are seated. Teachers will direct students when they are able to remove masks. Face shields may also be worn by students or staff if masks are problematic. Students should bring their own masks. We will have masks available for students who do not come with one. If they are fabric masks, they need to be laundered frequently. All students will be given a lanyard to secure their mask when they are not wearing it.

- All desks will be in traditional rows facing the same direction. Desks will be spaced as far apart as possible in the classrooms.
- There will be directional traffic patterns in halls.
- Desks will be sanitized routinely. Shared areas will be sanitized between different groups of students.
- Backpacks- Backpacks will be allowed. We still want to limit the materials coming from home. Students should only bring their iPad, water bottle, and lunch if bringing their own.
- Cell phones - Students will be expected to turn their phone off upon arrival and place it in their desk.
- Students will be provided with reusable water bottles and they will be filled in the new water filling stations. They will also be personalized. Wide mouthed water bottles were purchased for all students to be compatible/sanitary with our new water filling stations. Students may take the water bottles home daily to be cleaned. Please send the water bottle back to school with your student the next day.
- There will be no sharing of supplies in classrooms; therefore, it is important that your child keep their supplies organized and in their school box. Please label items with first and last name when possible.
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing will be encouraged and promoted throughout the day. All students will be given a small individual bottle of hand sanitizer and we will refill as needed.
- No visitors will be allowed in the building with exception of case conferences and other scheduled meetings. Parents dropping off items for students will do so in the secure entry.
- Meals
  - Breakfast - As mentioned above, students will grab and go as they enter the building and eat in their homeroom.
  - Lunch orders will be taken by homeroom teachers each morning. Students will have two main lunch options, main lunch entree or sunbutter and jelly.
  - Students are allowed to bring their lunch in a lunchbox. If disposable brown bags are a possibility, they can be conveniently thrown away to limit items coming home.
- Kindergarten students- Registration codes for incoming Kindergarten students will be emailed out on July 27th. There will not be an official 'round-up' this year. Students will begin the year without an assigned teacher. Students will have an 'unofficial' homeroom to begin. The kindergarten teachers will use the first few days of school to get to know the students and conduct screenings. Classes will then be created and students will be assigned an official

homeroom teacher. We will try to limit any movement as much as possible.

- Kindergarten supply kits- If desired, these may be purchased once school begins. You do not need to contact the office at this time.
- Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer- These were listed on the supply list as a 'wish list'. Our wish came true! The CARES Act grant will cover these items. You do not need to purchase.
- Recess- Students will still have recess. The schedule has been arranged so that only one grade level will be outside at a time. Each grade level will have equipment that is assigned only to them and will be sanitized daily. Students will not need to wear a mask outside if they are socially distanced. There will be no contact games i.e. 'tag' allowed.

We need your help to ensure everyone at Central stays safe and healthy. It is very important that we have your help in emphasizing the importance of following all protocols and procedures.

Due to the health and safety of our students and staff, the guidelines for social distancing and masks must be followed. Your help in reinforcing the importance of these guidelines will help us in this endeavour. Parents will be notified if students continue to not follow proper procedures. School consequences may also be given. We will spend a lot of time the first week of school going over expectations and practicing procedures. We want to make this as easy as possible for our students and staff.

Thank you,

Ryan Jenkins