

Macks Creek School is Preparing for a Safe & Exciting New School Year

The Macks Creek R-V School District is excited to welcome students back to campus when we begin school on August 24th. Our goal is to host our students in as traditional a setting as possible utilizing various proven common sense strategies to ensure everyone's safety this school year. We recognize the best place for teaching and learning to occur is right here on our campus and believe with everyone's cooperation we can safely meet every student's needs.

We plan to adhere to the 2020-2021 calendar adopted by the school board in February. We are planning to run bus routes and serve free breakfast and lunch to all students again this school year. We also plan to offer a full athletic calendar for our students with new sports: Fall baseball (in addition to Spring baseball) and Spring softball (in addition to Fall softball) for high school athletes. We will also offer middle school cross country. Every single Macks Creek School student can also expect to have his/her very own Chromebook to utilize this year.

Students and parents should expect a variety of procedural changes this school year to protect everyone from COVID-19. For example, a series of "Meet the Teacher" events will be held August 17 through 21 instead of a single large-group open house. The district will share more specific details closer to the start of school. Once the year begins, students can expect daily temperature checks when they enter campus and will be encouraged to wear masks when they are riding the school bus. Students will also be assigned seats on each bus and family groups will be asked to sit together. At this juncture, students will **not** be required to wear masks during the school day, but may do so if they prefer. Parents who have the ability to transport their children to and from school are also encouraged to do so to reduce the amount of students riding each bus route. We are revising our attendance policies for next school year and strongly encourage anyone who is not feeling well to stay home. Any student running a temperature will be quarantined until their parents arrive to pick them up.

The district is also taking steps to break students into small groups that will not have contact with other groups during the school day. For example, each of our self-contained elementary classrooms (which already enjoy a low student to teacher ratio) will not eat lunch or attend recess with other elementary classrooms. In some instances students will be served breakfast and lunch within their classrooms and/or access the cafeteria and playground according to a staggered schedule. Our middle school and high school students can expect differing bell schedules during the school day to reduce the number of students in the halls during passing time. The district will also be taking steps to space students out within their individual classrooms. Lastly, we do recognize individual students, classes, an entire grade level or building may need to stay home for a period of time if an outbreak does occur.

By grouping students into smaller groups (who do not have contact with each other), we hope to minimize the likelihood of community spread, reducing the need to dismiss school for everyone. If this occurs, we will cooperate with the Camden County Health department to determine how long students and teachers may need to stay home with the goal of safely bringing all those who are well back to school as soon as possible. In the interim, students will be able to utilize their individual Chromebooks to keep up with their peers who are here at school while they are away. Our teachers are all receiving training this summer to become proficient in the use of Google Classroom to enhance instruction here at school and to more effectively utilize it if a student or group of students must be at home for a quarantine period.

To view the complete plan please click the following: [COVID-19 Emergency Operation Plan](https://5il.co/ilu2) or paste the following URL in your browser: <https://5il.co/ilu2>.

Spectators attending sporting events will be asked to adhere to local and state health guidelines and to maintain social distancing. Spectators for outdoor events are also asked to bring their own chairs and refrain from using bleachers if at all possible. We will provide more specific details for sporting events later in August.

Macks Creek School is excited to welcome new faculty members!



Jessica Cowan - High School English Teacher

Mrs. Jessica Cowan grew up here at the Lake of the Ozarks. She graduated from Columbia College in 2015 and is excited to begin her 5th year of teaching as our High School English Teacher. She shared, "I come from a huge family, most of whom reside here at the Lake. I currently live in Osage Beach with my husband, son, and two English Bulldogs, Loki and Thor." Mrs. Cowan previously taught High School Social Studies and coached Cheerleading at Osage High School. She has also served students as an English Learning Specialist in the Jefferson City School District. Mrs. Cowan also shared "I am very excited to be a Macks Creek Pirate, and I look forward to all that the upcoming school year brings!"



Melani Biggers - K-12 Music Teacher

Melani Biggers has been in the music industry for several years, is starting her 9th season at Main Street Music Hall in Osage Beach and is also the Director of Worship Arts at Faithbridge United Methodist Church. When she isn't working you can typically find her practicing music, hanging out with family and friends, or participating in Curtain Call Theater projects around the lake area. She took several music education courses at Drury University and is currently finishing her education degree at Central Methodist University. She grew up right down the road in Stoutland and is incredibly excited to join the Macks Creek family.



Katie Danek – 2nd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Katie Danek is a graduate of Macks Creek High School as well as Columbia College where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. While serving our school as a paraprofessional, Mrs. Danek recently completed coursework to become a fully certified elementary teacher. In her personal time, Mrs. Danek shared she "is an avid reader, loves sudoku and word search puzzles, being outdoors, and visiting museums." She also shared, "I am quite excited to be a part of the Macks Creek School District team - to be a Pirate representative once again."

MACKS CREEK R-V SCHOOL

SUPPLY LIST 2020 - 2021

Important Notice: The Macks Creek PTO is graciously donating a variety of school supplies for all students in preschool through 12th grade. These supplies will be distributed to students here at school.

All families are strongly encouraged to purchase age-appropriate masks for students to wear on the school bus and when they are transitioning outside of classrooms during the school day. While students are not required to wear masks, they may do so if they prefer. Families are also encouraged to purchase small bottles of hand sanitizer for students to use as needed throughout the school day.

Macks Creek School is proud to offer every single student a Chromebook this school year! All Parents will need to provide earbuds or headphones for their children to use with their new Chromebook which may not be shared with others.

The following list are items the Macks Creek PTO will not purchase that students will need by grade level:

Grades K - 4

Face Masks, Hand-Sanitizer, Earbuds or Headphones

Pencil Box

Back Pack

Grades 5 – 6

Face Masks, Hand-Sanitizer, Earbuds or Headphones

“Trapper Keeper”

Mechanical Pencils (2 dozen)

Back Pack

Grades 7 – 12

Face Masks, Hand-Sanitizer, Earbuds or Headphones

Back Pack