**Wolf Creek Local School District**

**Opening of School August 2020**

**The first day of school will be August 24, 2020. We will be dismissing students at 1:00pm for the first five days of school (August 24, 25, 26, 27, 28). This will allow for teacher collaboration and extra cleaning in the buildings**. Kindergarten students will begin school on August 27th, beginning August 31st, we will resume full days of instruction.

It is our goal to keep our schools open, extra-curricular activities taking place and make the educational experience for our students as normal as possible. With that being said, there are many changes to the way things have been done compared to in the past. The purpose of this document is to detail as many of the changes as possible to our normal protocol for the safety and health of the students and staff. This document will not be an end to the changes as we will continue to update as we experience and see the need for additional changes.

The district will be ONE to ONE in the area of technology. This means every student will have a Chromebook assigned to them with their name on it. There will not be a need to share electronic devices. Students in grades K-8 will leave their chromebook in their classroom when they are not using them. In Grades 9-12, students will continue to keep their Chromebook with them at all times. One to One will eliminate the need to share devices throughout the school day. Also, in the event a student would need to be out of school for an extended period of time or school was shut down, we would send the device and charger home with students to use for educational purposes.

**Being Healthy and Safe Starts at Home**

*It is critically important that if your child is sick please keep them home*. There are several symptoms presented by COVID-19. Please check your child's temperature daily before they leave for school. If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, keep them home and contact your family doctor.

Common Symptoms include:

* Fever or Chills
* Cough
* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
* Fatigue
* Muscle or body aches
* Headache
* New loss of taste or smell
* Sore throat
* Congestion or runny nose
* Nausea or vomiting
* Diarrhea

We will also be taking measures to address safety and health of the students and staff while they are at school. Some of the examples are:

* We will be conducting rapid, touchless temperature checks of students as they enter the buildings each day.
* We have purchased and installed more bottle filling stations for both buildings. Community water fountains will be turned off. We ask that all students carry their own refillable water bottle.
* We have added numerous hand sanitizing stations throughout the buildings in common areas, near restrooms, entrances and in the cafeterias. This is in addition to the hand sanitizer in the classrooms and officers.
* The custodians schedules have been modified to allow for more classroom and high touch point cleaning throughout the school day.
* The District will be adding additional /custodial staff to assist with additional cleaning duties.
* If a student begins to show signs or symptoms of COVID while at the school during the school day. The student will be escorted to an area of isolation with a staff member, who will be wearing a mask and protective clothing. This staff member will remain with the student until the nurse is able to check on them. The School Nurse will contact parents and handle the case at this point.

**Attendance**

We will not be recognizing students for perfect attendance this school year. Although we feel attendance at school is very important. At this time we do not want to encourage students to be in attendance while sick.

If your child becomes sick or displays COVID Symptoms while at school, they will be escorted by school staff to a room away from other students. The student will wear a mask and the staff member will also wear a mask. The parents will be called to pick up their child. Please cooperate with the school if your child becomes ill during the school day.

**Transportation**

We have given much consideration to the transportation of our students. One way you can be of assistance is by transporting students to and from school. This will help reduce the number of students riding buses each day. In the event of a student needing to ride a different bus, plan ahead of time and contact the school office. We may not be able to accommodate due to the number of students currently riding that specific bus. We are currently reviewing the bus routes to determine the best avenue to move forward.

Changes to our Current Busing Routines

In an effort to keep students distanced we will be loading and unloading students in a staggered schedule. Buses will unload as they arrive at the school. Students will be dismissed at the end of the day by bus. This will assist in limiting the number of students who are congregating in an area at one time.

In working with the Health Department we have developed guidelines for riding the bus:

* Loading the bus from back to front. Students who are picked up first on a route will be sitting closer to the back on the bus. This will assist in the students being in another student's space while loading the school bus. The bus's high seats will assist in being a barrier to those students who are seated in front of them.
* Unloading bus from front to back.
* Assigned seats for all students.
* Two students per seat. There will be an attempt to have these be students from the same household as much as possible.
* Three students per seat when they are all from the same household.
* Students will wear masks while riding the bus.

**Classroom Safety Measures**

Additional safety measures will be in place in all classrooms to assure that staff and student safety is our number one priority. These measures include:

* There will be no community supplies in the classrooms. Each student will need to have their own classroom supplies that will be kept with them.
* Classrooms will be marked for social distancing to be followed.
* All staff members will wear a mask.
* Masks will be required for students in grades 3-12 and they will be strongly recommended for students in grades PK-2.
* Additional cleaning will take place throughout the day on high touchpoints.
* Students will be assigned a desk and will remain in their space the majority of the school day to reduce cross contamination of areas.

**Meal Service:**

* Cafeterias will be limited to 50% capacity. There will be additional areas where students can receive their meals. This will include classrooms and outdoor seating.

**Extracurricular Events:**

* Social distancing and masks will be required at events.
* Temperature checks will be conducted for entry.
* COVID-19 Symptom questionnaire will be completed.

**Remote Learning option for students** - Please contact your students building Principal if your child will be taking this option.

* Blue Sky online learning that will allow the students to receive their education exclusively online while remaining a student at Wolf Creek Local.
* If a student chooses to complete their education online, they will be requested to complete this based on a nine week grading period. They will not be permitted to jump between an online class back to a live class within the nine week period. This adjustment will be permitted at the beginning of each nine weeks. This will assist in the continuity of the child’s education.

This plan will continue to be updated as additional guidance comes from the State and Local Health Department or if the cases and leveling of the county increase.

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