



Van Buren Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you have had an enjoyable and safe summer! This letter is being provided to give you more specific information at a building level amid our recent restart plans as a district. We have been working very hard to prepare for a safe and effective return to school amid all the changes and obstacles being placed in front of us.

Please refer to the Van Buren Local Schools 20-21 Reopening Plan document for general district and county guidelines including county alert levels and district requirements for staff and students for PK-12 when it comes to health guidelines and protocols.

This letter is intended to provide additional information as it pertains to Van Buren Elementary for the following areas:

Arrival/Dismissal (Student School Day is 8AM-2PM)

- Students who are transported and dropped off by parents will enter the 2nd grade entrance or NW door #15 no earlier than 7:35AM. Temperatures will be taken at the door and then students will proceed to their classroom.
- Students utilizing bus transportation will have their temperature taken prior to entering the building and once they are dropped at the main elementary entrance will proceed to their classroom.
- Students will be dismissed and taken out to the busses or parents at 2PM. Please follow social distancing guidelines when picking up students in the front parking lot.

Schedule (*While we are following county guidelines each building might have to alter how we are attending if there are any COVID outbreaks. *)

Hybrid Schedule

Group A (M, T, every other W) Group B (Th, F, every other W)

30 minutes - Morning Meeting

30 minutes - Specials - In classrooms

30 minutes - Lunch (½ in the cafeteria and classroom to adhere to social distance requirements)

30 minutes - Recess/Break

4 hours of academic content throughout the day

- Expectations for the hybrid schedule include chunking content to ensure we are focusing on the most important standards. Direct instruction of new content will be taught during face to face times and additional practice will be provided to work on while at home to reinforce what was taught. Teachers will be available from 6PM-7PM to answer any questions and for student support. **Students with last names A-L will be in group A and M-Z in Group B. If there is a reason for a different grouping, principals will be reaching out to parents directly to discuss.**
- To ensure consistency of content delivery the district is implementing Schoology as our LMS (learning management system) to better align curriculum and assignments ...please see attached document for more details.
- In the event of having to move to a fully remote setting then direct instruction of new content will be provided via video recordings of the teacher...any additional resources will be provided to help practice new content once taught by the teacher. While in a fully remote model students/parents are required to login into Schoology at least once a day to check assignments and content. Zoom meetings will be held at least once a week for students to provide direct student support. Teachers will be available daily from 10AM-12PM and 6PM-8PM to provide feedback and support for both students and parents.



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Registration

- ALL Van Buren students and parents including those opting into the committed virtual learning experience **must complete OneView**, our electronic student registration process **PRIOR to Monday, August 31st**. This digital process will be used for obtaining *Emergency Medical Information and Parent/Student agreements*. Your cooperation and participation is greatly appreciated. (Step by step details can be found on the school website (www.vbschools.net), under "For Parents" tab). For those who require assistance or internet access for this process, please contact the school office.

Open House

- Open House will be virtual this year and teachers will be providing a quick welcome video for you access at a later time to familiarize students with their teacher and classroom location. Supplies will be brought by students the 1st day of school.

Kindergarten

- Due to spring registration being cancelled we are grouping our registration during our KRA testing that is done the first part of the year. Kindergarten parents will not be sending their students until Sept. 14th on your corresponding day in hybrid schedule. Sept. 8-11th will be used for registration and screening/KRA purposes. Parents will receive a letter in the mail from the K teacher with your assigned date and time.

Special Services

- We are currently looking at some options at how we can best serve all our kids that need additional services (IEPs, WEPs, and related services) and we will handle each case on an individual basis and need and we'll reach out to discuss accordingly.

Recess & Lunch

- In hybrid model we will be utilizing the cafeteria and classrooms for eating and rotating which grade comes out to get everyone a change for a change of scenery. Every attempt will be made for some "recess" or break times while adhering to social distancing standards and common groupings.

We appreciate all the flexibility and understanding during this unprecedented time we are all living in. We will continue to evaluate our processes and plans put in place as we progress and will do our best to provide the best learning environment in the circumstance we find ourselves in currently and moving forward. Please keep an eye on www.vbschools.net for updates and we have our current supply lists posted. If there are issues finding anything on supply lists, please get what you can as we understand some items might not be readily available.

Thanks again for your time and hope to see everyone soon!

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