

South Summit Elementary  
Back to School Newsletter  
August 2020



Thought for the Beginning of the School Year-

Hello Everyone! How are each of you? Can I start by saying....Thank You! I have appreciated your support and your kindness. The past few weeks have been so stretching and full of learning opportunities. When I would go to bed at night, I would recount how many conversations I had with so many of you. I could see your faces and the faces of your precious children. I promised myself to do all I could to advocate for you, to help you and to support you. This email will be long but I hope it answers so many of your questions. There are so many unknowns. There are many questions that I do not have answers for. There are circumstances and situations that I am not aware of. We have no guarantee what tomorrow or next week will bring. I do know that you are important! I do know that all the staff members care about kids. I do know that I value, respect and care deeply for every student.

Love- Mrs. Flinders

**Parent/Teacher Conversation Day- Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

You will need to schedule an appointment with the online scheduler. The online scheduler will be open on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. You will have until Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> to schedule an appointment. You will receive an email from your child's teacher by Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. You can communicate with the teacher your preference to have a virtual meeting or an in person meeting. A link will be sent on the evening of Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> for you to register. All the information you need to register will be sent in an alert Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The parent drop off line might be longer and busier this year.....please remember to be patient and kind.**

Questions about quarantine, COVID Cases, and protocols can be answered by visiting the district website and accessing the FAQ's document. Here is the link: [https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/845792/8-7-2020\\_School\\_Reopening\\_FAQ.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/845792/8-7-2020_School_Reopening_FAQ.pdf)

Here is a health reminder from the nurse....please remember that it is very important to keep your student home if they are sick. If they exhibit any symptoms, they will be sent home. Please see the nurses note attached.

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

The gate that is located at the entrance of the elementary will be locked from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. each morning. It will be opened for buses and anyone who has a special green tag on their dashboard. The safety of our kids is very important and we had too many close calls last year.

**In Person Learning Information-  
First Day Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>**



Please remember the following:

- Students will not be allowed in the building until the bell rings at 8:50 a.m.
- There will be adults at every entrance to help remind students and to help any student needs that may arise.
- The door assignments for grade levels and the release times and the bus line up configuration will be sent in an alert next week.
- Students will not use lockers. Please provide a backpack that does not have roller wheels.
- Class supply lists can be found on our school website. Separate supplies for the art specialist rotation are necessary. Guidelines are given on the website. If you are not able to purchase supplies, please email me.
- We have purchased lanyards for student masks so that when students have a mask break, are at lunch or at recess they can remove their masks and have a greater chance of not losing them.
- Devices will be sent home with students on Tuesdays and will need to return with students on Thursdays. A device waiver sheet will need to be signed before a student may take a device. Devices will be necessary for the remote learning day which is every Wednesday.
- Wednesday is remote learning day. No students or staff members are in the building so that the building can be cleaned and sanitized. Three hours of instruction is required on this day. Teachers will be using Google Classroom as the platform for this learning.
- An information sheet containing links, logins and passwords will be given to you at the parent/teacher conversation.
- If you are participating in remote learning, please see the end of this email for more information.
- Please provide a water bottle for your student. Water fountains will not be available. There will be opportunities for your student to fill the water bottle.
- Traffic patterns have been established in the school and are marked with arrows.
- The lunch schedule has been adjusted. Children still have time to eat and they still have recess.

**We do need some help.....**

We are trying to work out the idea of having some sort of divider for students so that they can have mask breaks and also keep teachers safe but still have the classroom be a welcoming community. We have looked into buying something similar to the picture on the right. They are very expensive. Do any of you have any ideas? If you do, will you please email Mrs. Flinders? We are going to purchase some sort of divider but many companies are three to four weeks out to ship dividers. We know so many of you are very resourceful so Mrs. Flinders thought she would ask.





## REMOTE/ONLINE LEARNING INFORMATION:

Remote learning is new to all of us. Parents, teachers and students will have a wonderful opportunity to share in a new learning experience. Please note that remote learning will not resemble what most students experienced last spring. March to May was emergency mode. This is not the same. Here are some guidelines and a rough idea of a schedule. Please remember that because this is new, things are subject to change. Also, please remember that each teacher might have a slightly different approach. All the curriculum and content and pacing are matched and aligned with the in person learning classrooms. Remote learning is still a full day of learning. Here are some general guidelines and then a template for a schedule.

- You will receive an email from your teacher by Friday afternoon.
- Please sign up for a parent conversation to be held on Wednesday, August 19. You can use the online scheduler. Information will be sent Saturday morning.
- You will be able to pick up a learning crate in front of the school from 9:30 to 11:30 Thursday, August 20 (Unless materials are not yet available)
- Devices will be provided. They will be assigned to your student and be a part of the learning crate, along with other materials. A device waiver must be signed before the device will be released to you.
- Specific grade level instructions and materials will be provided for you in the learning crates.
- An information sheet outlining log in information, user names, passwords and platform (Google Classroom) instructions will be in the learning crate.
- Acadience/Reading testing must be done in person. A special schedule and room will be arranged. More information to come.
- When the school signs your student up to participate in a Google Classroom, you will receive an email. Be looking for the email and more information will be given to you by your teacher.

### Rough Outline of a General Schedule:

School starts at 9:00 a.m.

Instructional Time..... 9:00 to 10:30

Recess and Snack.....10:30 to 11:00

Instructional Time.....11:00 to 12:00

Lunch and Recess.....12:00 to 12:30

Instruction, Practice, Small Group Work.....12:30 to 3:20

Please remember that instructional time does not always mean the teacher is live on the screen. It can also be a recorded lesson, educational applications, practice and many other options. Teachers are required to personally connect with the class each day.

Homework is still a part of Remote Learning.....Reading is required each night.

K-2.....20 minutes a night

3-4.....30 minutes a night

Daily assigned work must be finished that day.

If unusual circumstances or situations arise, please contact the teacher. The most critical element of remote learning will be COMMUNICATION!!! Please remember to communicate with your teacher often.

## Kindergarten Information

Kindergarten starts Friday, August 28. There will be an open house for parents and the kindergartener (No siblings) Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>. The open house will take place in the gym. Social distancing will be practiced. Please wear a mask. You will receive an email from your teacher once classes have been assigned. Classes are not assigned until the KEEP Assessment is completed for each kindergarten student. The KEEP test must be administered in person. Whether you are doing in person learning or remote learning, you must schedule an in person testing time using the online scheduler. The scheduler will be available Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. You can use the link that will be sent out in an alert on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Open House Times for Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten:

Mrs. Blazzard.....5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Woolstenhulme.....6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Marchant.....6:30 p.m.

Ms. Martin.....7:00 p.m.

## Preschool Information

The preschool will be holding parent conversations for each student. You should receive an email from Mrs. Woodward with this information and other important details.

Preschool will start Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>.



Please look for a final back to school alert next week. Today is a great day to prepare for tomorrow and tomorrow is going to be exceptional! I am thankful I am embarking on this adventure with each of you!

Love- Mrs. Flinders

Dear South Summit Families,

Welcome back!! South Summit School Nurses are looking forward to starting this 2020-2021 school year with you. We wanted to take this time to share some important health office reminders with you. At any time, don't hesitate to reach out to any of the nurses for further questions or needs.

- **Please** make sure your student's info is all up-to-date in Power School. This includes: immunizations, allergies, medical conditions, physician contact information, emergency contact information, etc.
- **Health concern:** Due to the current Covid-19 situation, you need to let us know if your student is considered high-risk or fragile due to underlying medical conditions. This is important information that we will be sharing with the health department if there is a positive COVID-19 case in our schools.
- **Medical conditions:** If your student has been diagnosed with a medical condition, such as diabetes, asthma, allergies or anything else that requires treatment, you will need to print and fill out the correlating health form on the district nursing page. This has to be done every year, and the forms will need to be completed by your student's physician. Then, you need to submit a copy to the nurse at the school.
- **Medication:** If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, a medication form will also need to be completed by the physician and turned into the nurse at the school. If any changes occur throughout the year, it is the parent's responsibility to update the school nurse and turn in any updated paperwork. Please see the link below to the nursing website, which has the folders for care plans, medications, and other health care information.

<https://www.ssummit.org/o/south-summit-school-district/browse/35460>

- **Vision screening:** Because of COVID-19, vision screening will not be mandatory this year like it has been in the past. If you have any concerns about your child's vision, please reach out to the school nurse at any time for evaluation.

Keep our email for your records, it is the best place to reach out to us for questions or concerns...

[nurses@ssummit.org](mailto:nurses@ssummit.org)

Thank you for your help with this. We really appreciate your time and input.  
Sincerely,

South Summit School District School Nurses

## At Home Health Screening Tool for Students

Parents/Guardians: Please review this screening tool **before** school **every morning** for each of your school-aged children. This tool is for your reference only, **do not** send it to school.

Is your child experiencing any of the following symptoms?

- Feeling unwell
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever-like symptoms such as body aches, body chills and/or sweating
- Temperature over 100.4 degrees F or 38.0 degrees C
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Chills or repeated shaking from chills
- Runny nose/congestion
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child is experiencing any of the above listed symptoms, keep your child home from school and contact your medical provider for further instructions.

**\*\*If any of the above-listed symptoms are sudden or severe,  
seek immediate medical attention.\*\***

Please indicate yes or no next to the following statements:	Yes	No
Has your child taken cough/cold medication and/or fever reducers such as Tylenol/ibuprofen today for the above listed symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child been tested for COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child student had close contact* with someone with a <u>confirmed</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child had close contact* with someone with a <u>suspected</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*What counts as close contact?

- Your child was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes
- Someone in your home is sick with COVID-19
- Your child had direct physical contact with the sick person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- Your child shared eating or drinking utensils with the sick person
- The sick person sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on your child

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, **KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL**. Contact your medical provider for further instructions.