# **Eastside**Elementary School

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Dear Eastside Families,

We are excited and looking forward to having our students back in the building! Our team has been working eagerly all summer to prepare for another great year at Eastside. We want to assure you that our district and school Smart Start groups have worked diligently to provide the most up to date decisions and safe practices for our students, staff, and school community.

The start date for students has been pushed from August 25th to August 31st. This allows us to front load PD days for staff training. Our teachers will be training to use a new learning platform called Canvas. This will streamline where our educational information (K-12) including assignments, lessons, videos, and teacher assistance are posted. The goal is to build out lessons/ units about a month ahead in case of future closures.

Public Health is behind our plan to reopen, but it will take all of us to ensure compliance with the overarching goal of staying open throughout the school year.

We will continue to share updates via the Cody Public Schools, Park 6 app. If you have not yet downloaded the Park6 Apptegy app from the app store, please do so. This is the best way to stay up to date on new information. Simply search Cody Public Schools - Park 6 on the app store, be sure to change the settings to allow notifications and select the schools you want to receive notifications from. You can follow us on Facebook at Eastside Elementary School.

We need everyone to be flexible and patient as we continue to assess what changes are prudent and safest for everyone. There are many things to consider, but based on information provided to us by our Park County Health Officer, we are confident we can appropriately and safely bring students and staff back into school. Please reach out to us with specific questions and concerns and we will work to get those answered.

Attached to this letter is Eastside's reopening plan. While the plan does not cover every situation or possibility, it does include multiple items that will help all parents and students to feel more comfortable and prepared for the start of the school year.

Eastside will be hosting an Open House to give students a chance to bring school supplies and see their teacher. Open House will look and feel different this year. **Please carefully review the details below.** The goal is to spread students and parents out so we minimize the number of outside visitors at the school at once.

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## **Open House Information**

**Kindergarten:** August 25th, 26th, and 27th. The office will contact kindergarten parents to set up a time to come visit the classroom. During this time we will be completing a short reading assessment as well. Please bring school supplies.

**Grades 1-5:** Orientation/Open House: Thursday, August 27 between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. See schedule below for your time.

- Families with Last Names Beginning with A-D 2:00-3:00
- Families with Last Names Beginning with E-J 3:00-4:00
- Families with Last Names Beginning with K-Q 4:00-5:00
- Families with Last Names Beginning with R-Z 5:00-6:00

\*\*\*To limit the number of visitors to the building we are asking that only one parent come with their Eastside student for the Open House. We are expecting everyone to wear a face covering when you come. Our team will meet you at the front office to check masks and temperatures. We will then direct you to the appropriate room via exterior doors of classrooms. We ask that parents limit their visit with the teacher to 5-10 minutes.

We are very excited to see everyone back at school. We believe students and teachers being physically in the building is the best case scenario to ensure high levels of learning. As we work through the year, we will continue to evaluate and adjust practices, so that we continue to be as safe as possible while at school. We appreciate your continued support as we work together for our Eastside family.

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Sincerely,

Nick Gallagher