

Dear Parents,

We want to thank you for making the beginning of this year successful. Even being the unusual year it is, we are progressing and moving forward. Staff and students have been resilient in their daily efforts working together to keep everyone healthy and learning. We truly do have an amazing community.

As we indicated at the beginning of the year, there are continuously changing factors that impact us on a daily basis. As a district we look at these routinely to make the best decisions for our students, their families, and our staff.

Here are some reminders and updates we would like to share with you:

Beginning Wednesday, September 16, all elementary students will be required to wear masks for the entirety of the day. This includes Head Start students through fifth grade. Breaks will be given, only when students are able to social distance. This decision was not made lightly, but we feel that it is in the best interest of our students. With an increase in the number of students in each classroom, it is difficult for some classes to social distance, making masks a necessity. We also taken into consideration the trends of our on campus health.

Your child does have options on the type of face protection. They may wear a disposable mask, a cloth mask, a shield, or a neck gaiter. **Please remember to send a mask with your child every day.** Masks should also be routinely cleaned.

Also in order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we would like to remind you of the following. Students must be:

- 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medication before returning to school
- 24 hours free of vomiting and diarrhea
- Cleared by a doctor to return after being sent home with fever or multiple COVID-19 systems

- Current and up to date on immunizations
- Quarantined if someone in your house has tested positive for COVID-19 or awaiting test result

We are committed to providing your child an excellent education. If you have any health questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rowan, Magen Crim, & Connie Barton