



Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Principal

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Dear SES Outlaw Parents in the Hybrid Option,

It is with great joy that we announce that we have met metrics in Deschutes County for K-3rd graders to return to in-person learning and we will begin the process of integrating our hybrid students back into the building for in-person instruction beginning Monday, September 28. **We will be welcoming back our 2nd and 3rd grade students on Monday and then all of our K-3 students on Tuesday.** We did not meet metrics for our 4th graders, so we will continue with CDL with our 4th graders for the next three weeks and will hopefully have good news for an October 19 return. Our students will have in-person instruction Mondays-Thursdays, and Fridays will continue to be Extended Learning days. On Monday, September 28, there will be no live instruction (Zoom) for our K-1 students, as their teachers will be supporting the entry of our older students.

I have attached some very important documents and videos for you to read and process prior to our return to the building as procedures will be very different due to the COVID 19 restrictions and guidance. I am highlighting a few of the most important points in this letter.

Arrival and Dismissal: There will be a staggered start in order to accommodate the visual screening requirement. Students need to be brought to school by a parent who will remain until the child has passed screening and is accepted into the school. Students will arrive with the oldest sibling in family cohorts. Arrivals will occur as follows:

- 8:25-8:45: 3rd grade students and their siblings; bus riders
- 8:45-9:00: 2nd grade students and their siblings
- 9:00-9:15: Kindergarten and 1st grade students

Dismissal: Parents will display their placard with student names, and staff will call students to their vehicles. (This placard will be issued on the first day) Each grade level will have a staggered dismissal time with all the students in a family leaving with the youngest student.

- 2:30: Kindergarten and their siblings
- 2:45: 1st and 2nd grade students and their siblings
- 3:00: 3rd grade students and bus riders

Masks: Please help your child practice and acclimate to wearing a mask. As a healthy standard of practice, students should carry a backup mask in their backpacks and should have a clean mask to wear each morning. Both face shields and masks meet the guidance criteria.

Water bottles: Our drinking fountains are closed. Please send a water bottle to school each morning with your child- please make sure they know how to use it independently.

The parking lot is closed to parking to allow for traffic flow for arrival and dismissal. If a parent needs to drop off items at the office, please drop your student off and then park your car on the street and come to the front doors.

School supplies: Please remember to send all school supplies to school with your student on their first day. Classroom teachers will communicate with you any procedures to help your child juggle and navigate their items. Please see attached.

Our Operational Blueprint for Reopening is posted on our district website.

We are now using Canvas for communications grades K-12. I have created a course within Canvas that will house all of my communications to parents. This will go live on Monday and you will be able to access this through your parent Canvas account. Please reach out to your child's teacher for assistance if you have not yet signed up as a parent.

We continue to want to hear from parents. I will be hosting a parent Zoom meeting this week on Thursday morning, September 24, from 8:00-9:00 AM. Grab a cup of coffee and join me for a conversation where I will share updates and have a Q and A session.

Join	Zoom	Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86458101446?pwd=OE1rRGEzcWpwdXY5KzBaaitQNjhKQT09		
Meeting ID: 864 5810 1446	Passcode: 6X2p9h	

Your partnership is vital as we collaborate to create a world-class education for our students whether in the building or virtually. Thank you for your patience, understanding and grace as we navigate this extraordinary time. Sisters Community is truly extraordinary!

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your children.

Joan Warburg
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