

Good evening families,

I have a lot of information to share with you this evening in regards to students returning to school on Monday, September 21. You may want to grab a pen and paper to jot down a few items. This message will be repeated Sunday evening and sent to your email.

As your principal, and on behalf of the Mistletoe Staff, we are excited to fill up our classrooms with your children. Monday is going to be a fun day for kids to be reunited with their friends and to begin their school year the way it should be, in the classroom.

If you are continuing Distance Learning, and your child is in Kindergarten through third grade, they will be assigned a new Distance Learning Teacher and should have received an email today explaining the process moving forward. If your child is in fourth through eighth grade, they will continue Distance Learning with their current teacher. The fourth through eighth grade distance learning model may look different than it has the last several weeks. It is very challenging for teachers to teach a class in person and teach students virtually. Once again, this model will evolve and it will take an effort from parents to ensure your child is staying engaged while learning virtually. Those on Distance Learning can pick up their meals outside the kitchen, adjacent to the gym, from 10:00-10:30.

For those students coming back to school on Monday, please bring your charged chromebook. Each teacher will determine if chromebooks are staying in class or going back and forth from school to home.

You know as well as anyone, we have had a lot of changes that have affected our decisions in how to deliver instruction. Currently, we are keeping kids three feet apart from each other while in class. Students in third through eighth grade must wear a mask and mask wearing is encouraged but not mandated for students in kindergarten through second grade, while in class. All students must wear masks on the bus and at arrival and dismissal, including PreK-2nd. Exceptions to the wearing of face masks include when eating/drinking, engaging in physical activity, and outdoors when 6 feet of physical distancing is possible (recess). When I refer to masks, face shields are permitted as well.

Let me go over the start and end times:

Start times for K-3 will be 8:15. Start times for 4-8 will be 8:00.

The end times are staggered to limit the number of kids and cars at one time:

K 1:00

1-3 1:03

4-5 1:06

6-8 1:10

I want to welcome parents to our campus the first few days of school to drop off your child, however, you must wear a mask when on campus and we cannot allow you in the classrooms. Please bring your child to school 5-10 minutes before their scheduled start time, no earlier as the campus will not be open for students to just hang out. Students must go directly to their teachers classroom when arriving on campus.

Most of you know the pick up time at Mistletoe is pretty crazy. Our new driveway should be completed in early October, which will create a much faster and safer drop-off and pick-up. For now, we need to do our best to continue the same process as last year, with a few changes. First and foremost, do not leave your car unattended unless you have parked in a designated parking area. Kindergarten parents and in some cases, first grade parents, will pick up their child at their classroom. Otherwise, first through fourth grades will be dropped off and picked up in front of the school by the office. You will need to wait for busses to leave at the end of the day before you will be able to proceed to the front of the school. Fifth through eighth grade will be dropped off and picked up along the gym sidewalk. This area has expanded significantly. You will enter the driveway between the district office and Mistletoe School, making a U-turn near the garage and then dropping off or picking up accordingly. If you are waiting for your child, please move forward to allow cars behind you to fill in.

I would like to remind you to check your student every morning for signs of COVID, please do not send them to school if they are showing any signs. Our office door will remain closed but do not hesitate to call if you need any assistance. If you have not completed all of your paperwork in PowerSchool, please get it done immediately. Also, check out our district web page and you can find our Reopening Plan which will explain additional protocols and procedures.

I hope your child is excited to return to school. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year.

Make it a great evening.

Sincerely,

Clint Johnson
Principal
Mistletoe School