

September 6, 2020

Dear Blanchard Families,

The Choice Model Option will begin on September 14th with our students in grades K-2 and specialized classes returning to our school. The following week, students in grades 3rd through 5th will return on September 21st to our school. We are excited about the return of our students, as well as, the opportunity to provide live instruction in our building. Please read and adhere to the list below to ensure a safe and successful return next week.

Safety Measures

- We cannot keep a 6 feet distance in the building or on campus at all times, but we will promote the importance of personal space and proper hygiene.
- **Temperature Checks:** All faculty, staff and students will have a temperature check upon arrival to our school. Our car duty team will check temperatures before students depart from the car. In addition, our bus duty team will check temperatures as the students depart from the bus.
- **Entry Points for temperature checks:**
 - ✓ The Front Drive of the School
 - ✓ The bus loop will be utilized for car riders **after 7:30 a.m.** Please do not drive around a bus or block the buses from leaving the school.
- **Wearing Masks:** All faculty, staff and students will be required to wear a mask throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to provide the mask of choice for their children and to keep reusable masks properly clean. Students will wear a mask, while riding the bus as well. Masks will be removed when eating breakfast, lunch, and when 6 feet apart on the playground/ mask down areas.
- **Morning Procedures:** Parents are being asked to remain outside the building as you say goodbye to the students in your car. For safety reasons, parents will not be able to visit classrooms or deliver birthday treats during this time.
- **Visitors:** Visitors during the day must wear a mask, will be limited to the office area and must have administrator approval or a prior scheduled appointment with school personnel to go to any other destination in the building.
- **Classroom Environment:** The classroom environment has been rearranged to allow for increased distancing and for all desks to face toward the front of the classroom.
- **Safety Signs:** Safety signs with reminders about proper procedures have been displayed throughout the building.
- **Breakfast:** Breakfast for students will be served as a grab and go and students will eat in the cafeteria or in their homeroom class beginning at 7:30am.
- **Start of the Day:** Our school day begins at 8am.
- **Lunch:** Students in grades K-5 will eat lunch in the cafeteria under the supervision of lunch monitors, while seated with their classmates at designated tables (social distancing practices from other classes will be practiced as space allows). Parents will not be allowed to join their students for school meals or deliver food at meal time.
- **Itinerant Teachers (art, music, counseling, media and PE):** Students will participate in classes with our itinerant teachers within their homeroom class setting with the exception of PE hosted by Coach McElwee.
- **Travel within the School:** Students will travel throughout our hallways as a class, an individual or in a small group to visit school destinations such as the media center, restroom, clinic, speech, etc.
- **Temperature at 100.0 or above:** If a student develops a fever throughout the day, he/she will be monitored in our Isolation Room, and parent/guardian will be notified to come and pick up their child. The student will receive a notice with next steps regarding his/her return to school.
- **Hand Sanitizer:** Hand sanitizer stations have been placed near high traffic areas (near door entrances, restrooms, cafeteria, gym and restrooms) and hand sanitizer bottles have been distributed to teachers.

- **Water for Students:** Water fountains and water bottle filling stations will be equipped with single use cups and students are encouraged to bring a pre-filled water bottle from home to maintain healthy hydration throughout the day.
- **Recess:** Students will be scheduled for time on the playground.
- **After- School Activities:** There will be no before or after school clubs or activities on campus, when we return. Decisions on resuming these clubs and activities will be made later in the school year.
- **Blanchard Elementary Afterschool Program:** There is no after school program hosted on site at this time. A possible start date will be on October 13th with a limited capacity of 60 students. Pre- registration will be online and it will be announced before it opens up.
- **Checking- Out your Child:** If you need to check- out your child for an appointment (doctor, dentist, etc.), please bring your ID and we ask that you call ahead. If you are picking up a students and you have ANY symptoms, you may call the front office upon your arrival and your child will be called for check out. IDs will be checked at the vehicle. Per district policy, checkouts are not allowed after 2:00pm.

Chromebooks

- If your child is returning for in- person instruction, please have him/her to bring the issued Chromebook, sleeve and charger upon his/her return. These will stay at school and will be used in the classroom.

Dismissal Procedures: Day Care, Car Riders and Walkers

If your child will be attending daycare after school, please notify your child's teacher by September 11th through email or Class DoJo. Car Rider Tags will be used again for the car pool line. We ask that parents remain in your car, when picking up students. All parents must have a car tag number to have students released to them. Parents may come to the school on September 10th and 11th for returning students from 8:30 am- 1:30 pm to pick up car tags and bus passes.

Our staggered dismissal will begin at 2:10 p.m. as follows:

- 2:10- Daycares
- 2:15- Buses
- 2:20- Car Riders
- 2:30- Walkers

Decisions regarding all aspects of the operations of the school will be continually monitored and adjustments will be made as deemed necessary or appropriate. Please feel free to contact us, if you have additional questions as our students prepare to transition safely back into our school. As always, we appreciate your support with our ongoing efforts to put safety first for all stakeholders, as well as.

Warmest Regards,
Principal Dalton