

New Routines at the Elementary School.

We are excited to have your children back in school. Know that some of our basic routines have changed in effort to keep students and staff as safe as possible. Classrooms will continue to be warm, engaging learning environments where we will strive to help children grow to their full potential.

Arrival-

- The buses will dismiss at the elementary one bus at a time to avoid masses coming in the building at once.
- Families dropping off children will drop off at the door to avoid the number of people in the building.
- Children upon arrival will go straight to the classroom or breakfast. (No smart start)
- Please do not drop off children prior to 8:00. If you need daycare please contact Betsy Clements for more information on our Busy Hands Program. (bclements@lmcsd.org)

Breakfast-

- Breakfast will be done in a “grab and go” style. Eating spaces in the cafeteria will be socially distanced.
- An adult will key in children’s ticket numbers.

Hand Sanitation-

- Hand washing times/hand sanitizer:
 - Will be scheduled every hour
 - Will be done both before and after eating.
 - Will be done both before and after recess.
 - Is available on the buses and will be done upon getting on and off the bus.

Face Coverings-

- Staff and students are recommended to wear face coverings, but it is not required. (This includes on the bus.)

Classroom-

- Children will be cohorted in their classroom. (Meaning they will stay with their homeroom teacher the bulk of the day.)
- Classrooms have been “decluttered” in effort to have desks/tables social distanced. (With seats all facing the same direction.)
- Tables have been added to the elementary classrooms that work with tables. (PK-K) In consulting with Public Health, we will continue to have tables but will spread out students with about 3 children to a table. (Pending the size of table.) Dividers will be used if needed to aid in distancing.

- Title 1 reading/math services will be primarily done with the teacher pushing into the general education classroom.
- If children move to other classrooms they will be socially distanced and kept with their homeroom students when at all possible.
- AMMP (Specials) classes (Art, Music, Media, PE) may be pushed into the general education classroom at times. PE will be outside if weather permits. When children do travel to the different classes social distancing will be in effect there as well.
- Cleaning will occur throughout the day. (Classrooms are provided with cleaning materials.)
- We continue to have the Clorox Sanitizer Machine which will be used to disinfect all classrooms. This will be done daily as well if there should be a higher concern within the classroom.

Lunch:

- Classes will go to lunch in shifts to avoid the long lines.
- Classes will eat with their homeroom either in the lunchroom or classroom.
- The kitchen staff will enter the children's lunch numbers to avoid a keypad for numbers or handling of tickets.
- An adult will be assigned to each class to assist with lunch needs.
- We will not be having visitors to lunch.

Drinking Fountains:

- Drinking fountains will be closed, but the water filling stations will open.

Outdoor Recess:

- The grade levels will go to recess together.
- Each recess will be 15 minutes or less.
- Contact games that are close face to face will be eliminated. (Football, soccer) Games that are more social distanced, such as kickball, will be allowed.
- Line up for each class will be in different areas to avoid close contact.
- Handwashing/hand sanitizer will be used before and after recess.

Dismissal:

IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THE OFFICE ABOUT THE END OF THE DAY CHANGES AND THEY WILL LET THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS KNOW.

- For children being picked up by parent/guardian/sibling-
 - We ask that parents not enter the building to pick up your child prior to 3:20. (Wednesday 1:20)
 - Adults will come in through the front doors and move to the cafeteria.

- A staff member will be on duty in the cafeteria to ensure that children are connecting with the correct adults.
- The staff member will be able to radio buses.
- A staff member will walk younger children to the cafeteria to meet families.
- Families will exit through the cafeteria door.
- For bus riders-
 - Classrooms will be dismissed 1 section at a time to eliminate crowded hallways and bus lines.

Other Notes:

Nurse's Office:

- We will have 2 nurse's offices set up.
 - One will be used for children that are non-symptomatic. (Medication, recess injury etc.)
 - The second nurse's office will be used for children that are showing symptoms that could be potential virus concerns- such as a fever.

Absences:

- It is important that you keep your child home when ill.
- Perfect attendance awards will not be given this year.
- When calling children in for an absence we will need more information due to Public Health Recommendations. We will need to know:
 - Child's full name.
 - If the child has a fever. (If so, what is the temperature)
 - If anyone else in the household is ill.
 - What symptoms the child is showing.

Snacks:

- All snacks need to be pre-packaged or packaged by a licensed establishment.
- If possible, individual packaged snacks are preferred.
- Teachers will wear a glove(s) when handing out snacks.