

# KELLER SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

- We hope all of you are well. We are excited to welcome our students back for the 2020-21 school year. The first day of school will be on September 1, 2020 for grades 1,2,3, and 6. Grades 4 and 5 will begin on September 2, 2020. Kindergarten will begin on September 9, 2020.
- Please call the school office at 509-634-4325 the week before school starts for the current bus schedule.
- Please complete the registration packet and return it to the school. A self-addressed envelope has been provided or you may drop it by the office.
- As you know there are a lot of changes we will be making to make sure our students, staff, and community are as safe as possible. Please read through the following information:

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RE-OPENING SCHOOL:

- Due to the State of Washington Large Gather Restrictions, the Keller School District open house will be held virtually.
- There will be no open house on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The virtual open house will be uploaded to Facebook on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. This open house presentation will also be available on a thumb drive and sent out to all families.
- In school classes will begin for grades 1, 2, 3, 6 on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hybrid Schedule: The school district has adopted a hybrid schedule due to class size and social distancing requirements for grades 4/5/6. Grades 4/5 will be in school with in person instruction on Monday's, Wednesdays, and every other Friday. Grade 6 will be in school with in person instruction on Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday. A calendar will be provided each month for reference. All 5 days of the hybrid are student's participation days following the above schedule.
- Kindergarten's will begin school on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- During the day students will be required to social distance, with face masks on. They will be required to wash hands regularly and staff will wipe down classroom and high traffic areas several times a day.
- Attached is a student supply list for your child this fall. It is very important that each child has their own supplies due to COVID-19. Through state and health department requirements along with social distancing no school supplies can be shared between other students. In addition, all supplies need to be labeled with students' name.

### MEALS:

- All enrolled students will be served breakfast and lunch during the school day.
- Students under the hybrid model will be provided breakfast and lunch for the day they are remote learning and can pick their meals up at the end of the school day. EX: Grades 4-5 that are at school on Monday will pick up their breakfast and lunch at the end of the school day.

## **BUSING / DROP OFF PROCEDURES:**

- Bus transportation will be on a regular schedule. However, additional safety requirements will be put into place.
- Seats will be assigned to follow state guidelines on social distancing.
- If a parent or guardian chooses to drop their children off at school, staff members will be available beginning @ 7:50 am by the front door.
- Each student will have their temperature checked and will be issued a face mask. The school asks that parents or guardians remain in front of building until the staff member gives them a “thumbs-up”.
- Students will be required to sanitize their hands as they board the bus and to hand wash when they enter the school building. Frequent hand washing will happen throughout the day along with staff regularly wiping down their classroom.
- Details regarding boarding and check-in procedures at the school are subject to change based on DOH and school nurse guidelines.

## **PPE:**

- The Keller School District has purchased face masks and gloves for all students. Students may use their own face mask if they choose.
- All school plumbing will be touchless. This includes sinks, soap and towel dispensers, and toilets.
- However, the water fountains will not be available therefore students will need to bring their own water bottle with their name clearly written on it.

## **TECHNOLOGY / REMOTE LEARNING:**

- The Keller School District has received Chromebooks for all students. Teachers have their final training on “Google Classroom” on Thursday, August 6.
- Students in grades 4/5/6 will be able to use their Chromebook on the days they are remote learning from home.
- The Google Classroom will be setup to allow students to do work without the need of Internet capability. Assignments then can be uploaded and work downloaded when they have sufficient Internet connection.

## **SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF:**

**This is the last paragraph but will be the most important part of our re-opening plan.**

- Our school will strictly follow all OSPI, DOH, ESD 101 and school nurse recommendations. At this time, we have seen some of the guidelines but expect the full plan to be available by the middle of August.
- We have ordered and installed equipment for hands free equipment in bathrooms, classrooms, and offices along with our PPE supplies.
- We will wipe areas of the school down several times a day and respect the 6-foot social distancing. In addition, we will require our students to wear approved masks in the building along with all of our staff.
- We will offer recess twice a day outside without a mask (this could change, but at this point we have heard this is the recommendation) but with social distancing. At this point we don't know what activities students can do @ recess.

**Please make sure and read all your correspondence from the school district. There will be more information available in the next few weeks. At the time of this letter this is currently the information we have.**

If you have any questions please contact the school district @ 509-634-4325. You can also email Mr. Jantz @ [sjantz@keller.k12.wa.us](mailto:sjantz@keller.k12.wa.us) or Ms. Weaver @ [dweaver@keller.k12.wa.us](mailto:dweaver@keller.k12.wa.us)