

**October 13, 2020**

**Hello DIS Parents,**

It is so exciting to be able to communicate with you regarding good news, to say the least. We have missed having your children on campus and although it may look different than a traditional school year, at least it is something good for our kids. Beginning on October 19th or 20th (depending on your child's assigned group day), your child will be returning to school for in person instruction two days a week.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE RETURN OF SCHOOL**

#### **October 15th & 16th**

**Thurs., Oct. 15** - Your student will meet with their Period 2 teacher ONLY at 8:45. This is a normal virtual meeting time for this day. The difference will be that there will be no virtual meetings the rest of the day. So no meetings for Period 4 and 6 on Thursday, October 15th. The rest of their day will be spent working on your asynchronous (online) work.

**Fri., Oct. 16** - Normal virtual meeting day. Period 1 - Homeroom / Advisory at 8:45.

Teachers will be using these days for planning and setting up their rooms for their student's arrival.

#### **School Schedule**

**Hours: 8:45 am - 3:05 pm (There will be no early out dismissals)**

**Group A:** Monday / Wednesday - in person

**Group B:** Tuesday / Thursday - in person

**Friday: All students will be on Distance Learning**

On the days your child is at home completing work, your student will check in with their Period 1 classroom via the computer at 8:45 for approximately 10-15 minutes. During their time at home they will complete asynchronous (online) work including but not limited to: Acellus, reading, writing, Google Classroom Activities, or other assigned work by the teacher. Your student should have at least 4 hours of work during their non-in-person days.

#### **Distance Learning**

If your family has chosen the Distance Learning Option, your child may possibly be assigned to alternative teachers. Please note that current teachers can not sit in front of a computer to teach students who are at home while trying to teach students in the classroom. PLEASE WATCH FOR AN EMAIL TO JOIN YOUR DISTANCE LEARNING TEACHERS GOOGLE CLASSROOMS/MEETS AND YOUR DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE.

## **Returning Students - Safety Wellness Checks**

***Before Coming to School Each Day: All parents need to complete the wellness check for each child. (See Below)*** The best way for us to keep everyone healthy is to keep a student home if she/he is not feeling well. Should a student come to school sick, or feel ill during the day, our health aide, Carina Ellis, will notify parents to pick their child up by the district office, where we have set up a room for students who are feeling ill. Teachers will also complete touchless thermometer and wellness check questions as students enter the class. If you decide to keep your student home for illness or any other reason, please call the office to let us know so that we can properly mark attendance for your student.

## **Drop Off and Pick Up**

**Please do not arrive before 8:30 a.m. as we can not have students wandering the campus.**

In order to create a quick route to their classrooms and to minimize traffic flow and contact with others, we have designated drop off and pick up points.

### **6th GRADE:**

There are two designated drop off and pick up locations for our students. Please drop off or pick up your student in one of two areas. (1) At the tree area between the gymnasium (DIG) and the District Office building and walk in the front of the District Office to your classroom line; OR behind the 6th grade wing between the District Office Building and 6th grade room 1 building and walk to your classroom line. If your 6th grader walks or rides a bicycle, they will need to enter through their assigned area for 6th grade.

### **7th and 8th GRADE:**

Please drop off and pick up at the blue tabled covered area on the South Side of the school and walk to your classroom line. If your 7th or 8th grade walks or rides a bicycle, they will need to enter through the area between the library and the main building by room 6.

Visitors, including parents, are welcome on campus *by appointment only (visitors must wear a face covering to their scheduled appointment)*. Although we all want to, please refrain from walking your student onto campus and into their classrooms.

## **Breakfast**

Free individually bagged breakfast and nutrition snack will be available for all students that wish to have one. All students will receive their individually bagged breakfast at their morning nutrition break.

According to the California Health Department Guidelines, personal water bottles from home are discouraged. Water bottles will be provided for all students from the district. A water bottle may be used at lunch from a lunch box and then returned to the lunch box.

## **Lunch**

Free lunch is available daily from the cafeteria or students may bring their lunch to school. A schedule has been designed to allow students time to eat and have some free time. On the days you are at home on Distance Learning or in the Distance Learning Program, your child can come to the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL to pick up lunch in the front circle near the cafeteria doors from 11:15-12:15.

## **Recess**

Besides their nutrition break, students will have free time/recess outside during their designated lunch time. Grade levels will be assigned to designated campus areas. Wearing a mask at recess is optional, but strongly recommended; but please be aware that the social distancing guidelines state if a person is standing closer to 6 feet from another, they need to be wearing a mask.

## **Materials or Other Objects From Home**

Please have your child bring a backpack daily. *Inside the backpack should be a Chromebook, the charging cord, and any other school related materials the teacher asks students to bring.* Lunch boxes will be kept in the backpack until lunch and then returned following eating. There should be no other objects brought from home. This includes any sports balls and or outdoor activity objects. Library books are available to check out using the online process. Mrs. Montgomery will deliver the books and then upon collecting them ensure she follows the guidelines prior to redistribution.

**Durham Unified School District**  
**Daily Home Screening for Students**

***Parents:** Please complete this short check each morning **prior** to your child leaving for school. **IF** your child is experiencing symptoms, please keep them home and call the school to report your findings.*

**Section 1: Symptoms**

Please keep your child at home if your child has **ANY** of the following symptoms which may indicate a possible illness that could decrease your student's ability to learn as well as putting them at risk for spreading illness to others.

\_\_\_\_\_ Temperature of 100.4 or higher when taken by mouth.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sore Throat

\_\_\_\_\_ New cough that causes difficulty breathing (If your child has allergies or asthma and usually coughs, this would be a change in their cough).

\_\_\_\_\_ Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain

\_\_\_\_\_ New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

**Section 2: Close Contact Potential Exposure**

\_\_\_\_\_ Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19.

\_\_\_\_\_ Traveled to or lived in an area where the local or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases.