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FOLSOM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Folsom Elementary School Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and is ready to get back into the groove of things! We have missed our kiddos and family members dearly and can't wait to see those smiling faces again. Our school theme this year is "Game On". Students will see different game themed decorations throughout the school.

Students will attend Safe Start Days **only one day September 8- 11th** according to the schedule below. **All students will report to school September 14th and every day from then on.**

September 8- Students in Pre-K – 5th grade with the last name of A-D

September 9- Students in Pre-K-5th grade with the last name E-K

September 10- Students in Pre-K-5th grade with the last name L-Q

September 11- Students in Pre-K-5th grade with the last name R-Z

As everyone has heard, procedures will look a lot different this year due to safety protocols put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While some of these procedures may be an inconvenience, please understand that they are necessary because your child's health and safety is our top priority. We are following all CDC guidelines to the greatest extent possible.

- Masks are required at all times for students in 3rd grade and higher. The CDC does not recommend wearing neck gaiters as a substitute for cloth face coverings.
- Only essential personnel are allowed on campus. At this time, parents will not be allowed to have lunch with their children or volunteer.
- Parents will no longer be allowed to walk their children into class on the first day, or any other day.
- We are asking that if you have to meet with someone in the school office or with a teacher, please call ahead and schedule your visit.
- Phone conferences and virtual meetings through platforms such as Zoom will be the primary method used to conduct conferences.
- If your child is in Pre-K, Kindergarten, or 1st grade, please make sure your child comes to school on the first day with identification including their first and last name as well as their teacher's name and the method of transportation they go home.
- Water fountains will be closed. You may send a water bottle to school with your child. Only water is allowed. Students will be allowed to refill their water bottles at school.
- Before and After Care is available for students in grades kindergarten-5th grade on a weekly basis. Due to static grouping requirements, daily drop-ins **will not** be allowed. If you are interested in registering your child(ren), you can access more information on the program and a registration form on the school website or in the drop-box outside the school front doors. Before and After Care will not be open for the Safe Start days. The program will begin September 14.
- Student handbooks will be available on-line at www.folsomelementary.stpsb.org
- A drop box is placed outside the main office doors. Important documents you may need will be in a binder for you to pick up. You can also return documents using the slit in the lid.
- If you are checking out your child early, call the office when you arrive in the parking lot. We

will call the child to the office at that time.

- If you are checking in a child tardy, call the office from the parking lot. We will pull the card and have it ready for you to sign the child in. Children cannot sign themselves in.
- We will have a “Beep and Greet” in place of our normal Title-I PFE event, “Meet and Greet”. You can drive through at the assigned time and location and those grade level teachers will be there to meet the students. If you are unable to make it to Beep and Greet, your child’s teacher will call you to introduce himself/herself and answer any questions you may have. The schedule for Beep and Greet is as follows.

Pre-K students-	Sept. 1	9:00-10:30	at Pre-K car line
Kindergarten-	Sept. 1	3:00-4:45	at Pre-K car line
1 st grade-	Sept. 1	3:00-4:45	at bus line
2 nd grade-	Sept. 1	3:00-4:45	at car line
3 rd grade-	Sept. 3	3:00-4:45	at Pre-K car line
4 th grade-	Sept. 3	3:00-4:45	at car line
5 th grade-	Sept. 3	3:00-4:45	at bus line

*Please have your child’s supplies in a bag clearly labeled with their name so teachers can transport them to their classrooms.

- If your child will need bus transportation, the district had asked that you reserve your spot using the transportation questionnaire. If you did not take advantage of that method, you were asked to call the transportation department at 898-3373. More information can be found at www.stpsb.org.
- We are asking that transportation changes only occur in an emergency situation due to limited bus capacity and maintaining static grouping in after-care. Transportation requests must be in writing. Emails and phone calls are not allowed.
- School T-shirt order forms can be printed from the school website or picked up from the drop box. Order forms and payments can be dropped off in the drop box or sent with your child on the first day of school. Payment must be included if not already paid for using My Payments Plus. We will send home the ordered shirts the first day of school.
- My Payments Plus is an online system used to pay school fees. You can access it through our school website. This is the preferred method of making payments. You can use this system to pay on students’ lunch accounts, Chromebook insurance, purchase t-shirts, and other fees.
- Carline runs from 8:00-8:30. The gates are closed and locked at 8:30. Please make sure students arrive at school promptly and have all of their belongings. Teachers will be on hand to escort children to their classrooms. At the end of the day, carline begins at 3:31 and ends at 3:50. Parents are not allowed to park their car and walk up to get their children. Attached is a map to use for entry into carline.

I know that there are a lot of changes for this school year, but please understand that they are necessary for the health and safety of our students. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 796-3820.