



August 17th, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome students and families back to school for the 2020-21 School Year. We have been working to develop plans and procedures to help keep students and staff safe while returning to school and we recognize that some of these procedures may be challenging for students to become familiar with.

In an effort to have as successful a re-opening as possible, we are encouraging families to consider returning to school according to an optional Staggered-Start Plan. This will also allow classroom teachers to establish routines and new COVID health and safety protocols with smaller groups of students.

If possible, we are asking families to consider attending as follows:

- **Grades 1-3 Families whose last name begins with the letters A - L to attend school on Tuesday, September 1st**
- **Grades 1-3 Families whose last name begins with the letter M - Z to attend school on Wednesday, September 2nd.**
- **All Grades 1-3 students would then begin attending regularly as of Thursday, September 3rd.**

This Staggered-Start is completely optional - if you would prefer to send your child(ren) regularly beginning Tuesday, September 1st, we will be prepared to welcome them to the school.

Additionally, classroom teachers will contact families prior to September 1st via parent email addresses. If you have any questions or concerns, the school will reopen August 25th. If you want to stop into the school, please call ahead to make an appointment. Due to new district protocols, the doors will be locked.

Kindergarten students have a different staggered start. Please refer to our [website for information](#), or via email sent to families in late June. Family-Teacher meeting information will be sent to families the week of August 25.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and flexibility in this unprecedented school start.

Elaine Garner,
Principal