Grand Mountain School Grades 6-8 Return to Learning

We are excited to see our GMS Mavericks back in person! We are dedicated to providing the best education that we can to our students during these challenging times. Here is some important information surrounding the schedules and protocols for in-person learning:

**Schedules:**

**For the first two weeks of hybrid scheduling:**

Cohort Group A will attend school in person on Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 30.

Cohort Group B will attend school in person on Thursday, September 24 and Friday October 2.

All students (Cohort Group A and Cohort Group B) will attend school online on Monday, September 21 and Monday, September 28.

**After the first two weeks:**

Cohort Group A will attend in person on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Cohort Group B will attend in person on Thursdays and Fridays.

All students (Cohort Group A and Cohort Group B) will attend school online on Mondays.

**Protocols**

**Before and After School:**

* Students should report to designated areas in the morning and await staff direction to enter the building:
	+ 8th grade students report to the North Tower Door area
	+ 7th grade students report to the Southeast Tower Door area
	+ 6th grade students report to the Southwest Tower Door area
* Students should wear a mask once they are on campus
* Staff will begin allowing students into the building starting at 7:37 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m.
* Students may enter the building as early as 7:20 through the North Cafeteria door for breakfast. They may also enter through this door to drop off musical instruments.
* All students in grades 6-8 must exit campus no later than 1:40 p.m.

**Masks:**

* It is the expectation that all staff and students wear a mask during the day. Students can remove masks for physical activity and when eating lunch. (Students in grades K-2 are required to wear masks in common areas.)
* Students will receive a social distancing and face covering agreement during advisor classes.
* It is the expectation that students supply their own masks.

**Social Distancing:**

* Students should maintain a safe space between themselves and others who are not from their households.
* Students should follow guidance of signage that highlights pre-determined spacing at seating arrangements (e.g. cafeteria, classrooms) and in hallways.
* Students should choose safe social activities and stay distanced while socializing (e.g. recess)

**Lockers:**

* Lockers will not be issued to students this year. This reduces the opportunity for students to share items, congregate at lockers, and reduces delays in the hallways.

**Hydration Stations:**

* Water fountains have been turned off. Please bring a water bottle to school each day so that you can fill at the hydration station.

**Hallways and Restrooms:**

* Students should not leave the classroom during instruction. The only exceptions are for restroom use, health office, counseling office, or main office.
* Restroom use is limited to one student at a time. Students will place their student ID card lanyard (supplied by school) on the hook outside of the restroom to indicate use. Emergency situations will be exceptions.

**Lunches**:

* Lunches will be divided by grade levels
	+ 6th grade lunch 11:42 – 12:12
	+ 7th grade lunch 12:12 – 12:42
	+ 8th grade lunch 12:42 – 1:12
* Students will remain in assigned cohorts during lunch

**Clubs/Activities:**

* All in-person cubs and activities will be suspended or delayed until further notice. We will follow CHSAA, South Metro League, El Paso County Health Department, and the Governor’s office guidelines regarding future athletic schedules and activities.

**Computer Technology:**

* Students should bring fully charged computers to in-person learning each day.

**Bus Transportation:**

* Bus routes will be available later this week. Please visit <https://www.wsd3.org/department/transportation> for route information.