



CSES HAPPENINGS



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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

We are so excited to see students in a few weeks and are ready to kick off a new school year! My name is Kristen Dutschmann and I am the new principal at China Spring Elementary. This is my 5th year in China Spring ISD. I was the Assistant Principal and then principal at China Spring Middle School previously. I am so excited to get back to my elementary roots and am ready for a fantastic school year ahead! This year is definitely going to look different than previous years. Please be assured that the safety of our students and staff is paramount to us and we are working very hard to put precautions and plans in place to have the safest school environment possible. Attached to this email is a copy of our Elementary Covid Plan. If you have not yet read it, I encourage you to do so. Below I have listed some major changes that will affect the start of school specifically. Please keep in mind that we are doing these things in an effort to keep your student safe. I look forward to seeing the students on August 19th!

Meet the Teacher

In an effort to impede the spread of Covid-19 we will not be having in person Meet the Teacher. Instead, each of our teachers will be creating a video of themselves and their room to familiarize the students to them and their classroom. On August 17th I will send out an email letting you know that the Meet the Teacher videos have been posted to our China Spring Elementary website and will be available for viewing. Myself along with the rest of the administration team will also be posting a video to introduce ourselves as well as the entrances into school.

How to find out your student's teacher

Per our Covid Plan, all of our grades will be self-contained this school year. Your child will have one teacher for all subjects. More information will come shortly about when and how you will find out your child's teacher. We appreciate your patience during this time as we are making adjustments for the new school year.

If you ordered a School Supply Pack

If you ordered a school supply pack, it will be delivered to your student's room prior to the first day of school. If you ordered a school supply pack and are choosing the online option, then you will need to call the school (254-836-4635) to make arrangements to come pick up your student's pack.

Transportation Forms (only for returning K, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and 3rd Grade)

We are needing every returning Kindergarten, First Grade, 2nd Grade, and 3rd Grade student to return a transportation form to the school prior to the 1st day of school. Please return the forms by **Friday, August 14, 2020**. We have a plastic tub sitting outside the front entrance of the school that they will return the sheet to. You can access this form by printing it from the registration packet in Parent Portal. If you do not have access to a printer, copies of the Transportation Form will be located on the table in the front foyer of the Elementary Office. You can pick one up, fill it out, and place it in the plastic tub outside the front entrance of the elementary school. This will help ensure that we have the correct transportation information on file.

Finalizing Registration

If you have not finalized your student's registration you need to do that today. Our registration process is online this year through Parent Portal. If you do not have a Parent Portal login please email our registrar, 8/4/2020

Judy Kemp at: jkemp@chinaspringisd.net. If you do not have access to a device or the internet you can come to the school, Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-4:00PM to register and we can assist you.

Online Learning

If you are opting for your student to do the online learning option, your student still has to be registered for school. That option is not available until they have registered for China Spring ISD for this school year. Please refer to the section above for directions on registering your student. Once your student is registered you will need to fill out the: Online Back to Campus Survey AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. A box will pop up to take the survey as soon as you get to the China Spring ISD Website: <https://www.chinaspringisd.net/>. If you are wanting your child to do the online option for the 1st six weeks you need to fill out that form ASAP. If that survey is not completed, your student will be enrolled in in-person instruction.

First Day of School

Many have asked if they will still be able to walk in their student on the first day of school. Unfortunately, that is not possible this school year as we are working hard to keep everyone as socially distanced as possible in an effort to keep everyone safe. I know that this is very difficult and please know that we will have plenty of excited staff outside on the first day ready to greet the students getting off the bus and in the car line and directing them to the correct entrance. Per our Covid Plan there will be NO VISITORS in the building at this time. If you are needing to drop off something for your student, or pick up your student early you will be able to come in the front foyer and Ms. Warner will be located in the foyer ready to assist you. All visitors in the building must wear a mask per our Covid plan.

Entrances into school

Please see the portion in our Covid Plan regarding the different entrances students will enter in the mornings. Again, we will have many staff members outside directing students the first few days of school. In an effort to try to socially distance and keep grade levels separated as much as possible students will be entering different doors based on their grade level. We are in the process of installing signage that clearly labels each door with which color it is. We will have staff members meeting students at the bus and helping direct them to the correct door. The car line is the same as it has been in the past. Once your student gets out of the car we will help direct them to the correct entrance. If possible, please make a nametag for your student with first name, last name, grade, and teacher. Since parents will not be walking their students in this year, that would be extremely helpful. I can promise you your students will be greeted with friendly people that will help direct them to the correct spot. Morning Entrance door assignments are below:

3rd Grade- Yellow Door

2nd Grade- Green Door

1st Grade- Pink Door

K- Red Door

Pre-K/Anyone needing to eat breakfast- Blue Door

*ECSE/EPCD1/EPCD2- Will drop off at Purple Door

Important Dates:

Monday 8/17/20: Meet the Teacher Videos will be posted *I will send out an email when they are available

Wednesday 8/19/20: **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! ☺**

Monday 9/7/20: **NO SCHOOL- LABOR DAY**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. -☺Mrs. Dutschmann

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