



# The Hawk Herald

## Prairie View Elementary

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### A Note From Our Principal



Welcome back! September 14, our first day of school is nearly here and the teams behind the scenes are getting ready for a safe, healthy and successful school year. There is a lot of information being shared daily to help get all of our students and families ready. Thank you for your support as we count down to the first day of school. I cannot wait to see everyone and have missed you! Never would I imagine that in the 35 years of my career, I would be doing everything within my control to keep our students safe during a pandemic. This has been my focus since learning that we are returning face-to face for students whose families chose that option. For families that chose remote instruction, please know that we wish all of you happy learning and that your presence here will be missed.


We are socially distancing in all classrooms. Students will be sitting 6 feet apart, from student chair to student chair, in every single classroom. All students are required to wear a mask through the entire day. We know this will not be easy but we want to keep all our kids in school and healthy, therefore, we must follow these guidelines. Please also help us by doing your part and making sure before you put your little one(s) in bed at night that you complete the required attestation form so they can be in class the next morning.

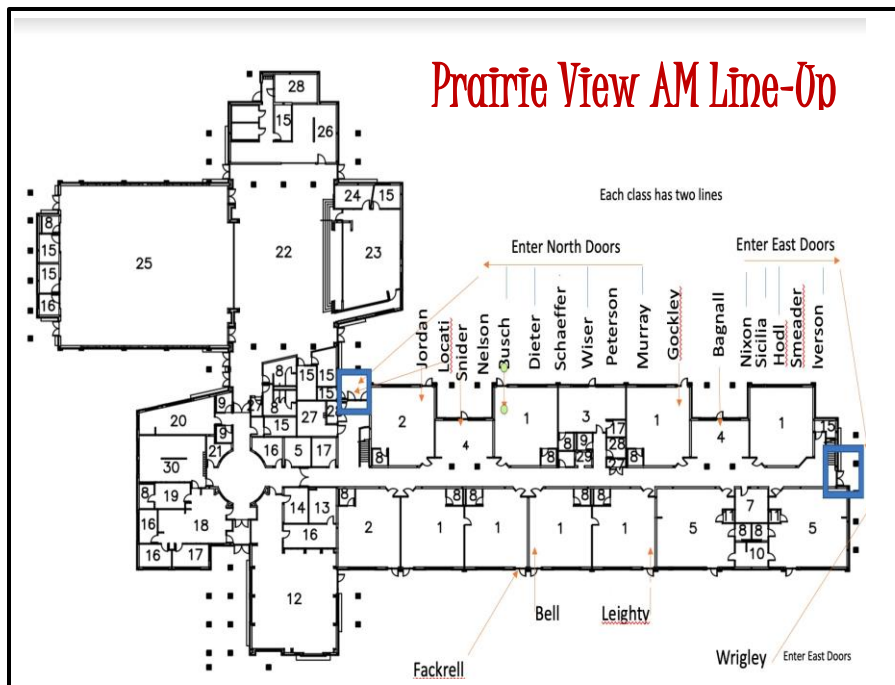
Lastly, you should have received an email from your child's teacher earlier today, informing you that she/he is in their class. We are jammed packed and do not have any room to make changes. All of our teachers are wonderful and I know your child will have a great experience in any one of our classrooms. #PV Strong!

If we have not met yet I look forward to meeting you. Here is to a successful and safe school year. I continue to be proud to be your child's principal. Stay well, Irene

## School Arrival

Safety is a team sport. Parents, staff and students all have a responsibility to keep each other safe. New entry protocols include entering through assigned doors where teachers will greet their students. They will have a list of all their students and will look to be sure all parents "attest" to their child's health each day by completing a Daily Symptom Check survey. More information on the electronic attestation form should be coming from the district today, September 11, please watch for it.

Here is a map of where kids will line up at PV upon arrival. 



## Daily Arrival—Welcome to Prairie View!

We are asking parents to say good bye to their child in front of the school where staff will be waiting to direct them to the black top or to the grass area to get in line (see above map). We are requesting that students not arrive until 9am as they will only be able to stand in line and not be able to play until the bell rings at 9:10. They will have a structured recess and time to play later in the day. However, to begin the day and at lunch recess, our play structures will be closed and off limits.

- While waiting for entry, students will be asked to remain 6 feet apart. We have dots on the asphalt for students so they know where to stand or a rope that is marked for kids to see where to stand 6 feet apart if on the grass.
- Students should have their ID card prominently displayed upon entry once they are provided. We are hoping to distribute these the first day of school.

It is so important that parents attest to their child's health each evening. For students that do not have an attestation, they will be required to complete a temperature check and additional screening before entering the building. Any student who shows symptoms of illness will be directed to the Symptom Room.

- Specific screening information will not be shared with anyone but a school nurse or building administrator if follow up is needed.
- While it is possible that students may be within 6 feet of each other briefly when entering through the doorway, we will work to minimize this.

### No volunteers or visitors

At this time we will not host volunteers or visitors in our building—for the health and safety of our students and staff. After we find success in our practice, and after we hear from county health officials, we may amend our tight procedures.

### **We need our parents help to support safety as students prepare to enter the building:**

Encourage your child to maintain physical distancing as he/she waits to enter the building.

Check to make sure your child has their mask on, their lanyard around their neck and their ID visible. (ID badges will be handed out the first day in class)

Remind your child to stand in their assigned spot and sit in their assigned seat in class.

**It is okay to send hand sanitizer to school with your child. Please make sure it is unscented as many have allergies.**

## Daily Dismissal—See you Tomorrow!

Again, our arrival procedures and dismissal procedures will rely heavily on face coverings and social distancing for safety. Please partner with us in reminding your children.

At the afternoon bell, children will line up in classrooms socially distanced. With support from teachers, children will methodically exit their classroom doors and proceed to the back blacktop, the bus loop, and the flagpole to meet their masked and socially distanced parents, caregivers, and their buses.

If procedures need to be amended for safety, they will be adjusted.

Please do not pick up your children before our 3:20 dismissal. We would kindly ask that you do not enter the building to checkout your child before dismissal before we normalize our systems.

**Chromebook Pickup Update** Thank you to all of the families who were able to pick-up Chromebooks for students who chose the full distance learning options. As a reminder, students who will attend in-person will receive their Chromebooks on their first day of in-person attendance at their school

Full distance learning students, who were not able to pick-up their Chromebooks, can pick-up them up on Monday, September 14 in the school's front office.

Families also have the opportunity to enroll in the district's **optional** Chromebook Insurance Program (CIP). Please complete the survey below, for each student, to opt in or opt out of the Chromebook Insurance Program. **The deadline for purchasing the insurance is Wednesday, September 16 at 5 p.m.** School bookkeepers will automatically charge student's online payment account if a family chooses to opt into the insurance program.

# Transportation

Bus transportation is available to all students. In order for transportation to be successful, parents, staff and students need to work together to ensure students wear their mask and maintain physical distance at the bus stop, wear their mask on the bus and keep their personal items, including food or drink, to themselves. Important factors to successful transportation:

- No students in the first row of the bus or the second seat behind the driver.
- Load from back-to-front/unload from front-to-back.
- Wear masks and maintain physical distance as much as possible at the bus stop and on the bus.
- Members of the same household are encouraged to sit together.
- Students must ride their assigned bus. No Bus Passes will be allowed.
- Following local, state and federal guidelines, busses will be cleaned and disinfected after morning, midday and afternoon routes with high-touch areas cleaned and disinfected between elementary and secondary runs (AM and PM).

# PV Cares



We're all facing difficult times right now. Safe social distancing and face coverings are the best way to do our part in the fight against this virus. We will continue to support all our staff and families. We will get through this; and we will come out stronger and more connected!

## Other Important Links:

[Meal kit Preorder Form](#) (for online remote learners and secondary hybrid learners)

[Making Safety Protocols Routine](#)

[Reopening Plans, Overview Information & FAQs](#)

## For Chromebook Insurance:

[Elementary Insurance Survey](#)

[Secondary Insurance Survey](#)

## K-5 Online Learning Students

Elementary students who chose the full remote online learning options have been enrolled in our new program, led by former Meadow Ridge Elementary principal Chris Backman. Chris and his team have enrolled more than 1,000 students into this program.

Parents received and introductory email this afternoon with more information. Each student's teacher will also follow up with assigned students on Friday with details of how to connect and what to expect on Monday morning. The opening days of online learning will include preparing students and families for learning in this modality, getting comfortable with the online platforms and laying out schedule expectations for a successful semester.

## Daily Health Attestation Information

Every evening before the school day, parents need to "attest" to their child's health by completing the Daily Symptom Check survey through an online service that will be sent to them via email or text at 3:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Staff will also need to attest to their own health.

Parents are required to submit the Daily Symptom Check survey for the next school day by midnight, then double check for health changes in their child each morning. Students who do not have a health survey submitted will undergo health screening upon arrival. If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, their family should notify the school immediately.

The survey will take less than one minute to complete for each child each day. The first questionnaire will be sent out this Sunday, September, 13th at 3:30 p.m. If not completed, a reminder email will be sent out at 6:00pm and a second reminder will be sent out at 9:00pm. The attestation questionnaire will close at 12:00am. This questionnaire will all be translated in five different languages, English, Arabic, Russian, Marshallese and Spanish.

## Special Education Updates

**Elementary** - Students who access the Compass Program or the Developmental Learning Centers will be able to utilize in-person educational opportunities every day of the week regardless of whether they choose the in person or remote option.

Students who have chosen to access their education remotely will be able to virtually participate with the teacher they were originally assigned for the 2020-21 school year. If they choose to attend school in person, this will allow for seamless integration into the classroom.