

Clayton Elementary

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Happy Friday, Cougar Families!!

Thank you to all those families who have responded to the survey sent out earlier this week. We've had 128 out of 200 families respond, which is fantastic. We are still looking for the remaining 72 families to respond, so here is the link again: <u>District September Attendance Survey</u>

I just wanted to reach out to let you know what school will be for the first week:

All students planning to return to Clayton Elementary from Grades 1 - 7 NEED to attend our two orientation days on Sept 10 and Sept 11.

On BOTH days...

Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 students: Attend from 9:00 - 10:00

Grades 5, 6, & 7 students: Attend from 11:00 – Noon

During these orientation times, we will be excitedly welcoming many students back to school, many of whom have not been in the building for six months. We will confirm our enrollment, orient students to the health and safety guidelines, and share the regular excitement we have at the beginning of each year. We will be splitting students between all the teachers and areas we have in the building to help maintain physical distancing. For these two orientation sessions, we aim to have groups of 10 or less. Masks for students will be optional but recommended. The district will be providing masks for students, but they are also welcome to bring their own. On Monday, September 14, our classes and cohorts will be established.

You will be receiving full communication on our school's health and safety protocols in the next week. Some of the specifics are still to be determined by the district but know that we are taking every precaution to ensure the safety of all.

Some of you may be feeling some anxiety about this return, but I want to fully reassure you we are following all directions from our district and health authority. I'm confident that as soon as you see what's in place and have your child come to school for Thursday and Friday, the benefits of them being at school will outweigh that worry. Our kids need to get back to school for their mental health and educational growth and we can't wait to see them!

Thank you for all the fantastic messages of support and gratitude I've received over the past week; they truly mean a lot. Thank you as well for your patience and flexibility as we work out all the details. I urge you to keep on top of the district website for information found here:

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rather than getting your information from social media, which can be a great spreader of MISinformation.

Take care, stay kind, stay a Cougar, and email you all again soon,

Lauretta Fenrick