



April 23, 2021

Dear North Creek Families,

As I'm sure you are aware, we will be transitioning to 5 days of face to face instruction in the building on Monday, April 26. All face to face students will attend Monday - Friday. Friday will be a half day for all students.

We are looking forward to reuniting our students in our classes. We will continue to do everything we can to prioritize safety for our students and staff. We'll count on our families to be extra careful outside of school, as the choices we make as community members impact the safety of our students in the building. Thank you for your continued partnership in the efforts to keep our students safe.

Schedule for In Person Students - Begins Monday, 4/26

Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 2:00

School begins at 7:30, not 8:00. We have received that question many times this year. We know it will take a few minutes for us to get students into the building, but students need to arrive promptly at 7:30. **Students are not able to enter the building prior to 7:30** and should not be dropped off earlier, as there is no supervision.

Friday 7:30 - 11:00 (lunch will not be served on Fridays)

Schedule for All Virtual Classes

The schedule for all virtual classes will also be adjusted. To coordinate special area classes and recess coverage (which our all virtual teachers will be helping with), their schedule at home needs to match. Your child's teacher will communicate the times he/she should be on Zoom each day.

Arrival and Dismissal

Car drop off will continue to take place in the back of the building. Thank you to our hybrid families for helping us work out the bumps for that change this week.

The process is the same process as we do for dismissal. We have more space in the back lot for cars to wait in line. Parents should pull up to the curb along the back of the building and when you are in the "UNLOADING ZONE" a staff member will open the car door to greet your child. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF WHERE THERE ARE NO STAFF MEMBERS** and tell them to walk up alone. With so many vehicles moving, it is not safe for the children to walk unattended.



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Please note that if you get in line after 7:30, our staff may not be outside in the back when you try to drop off late. If the staff has already gone inside, you'll need to bring your child around and get out of the car to sign them in at the front door.

Dismissal will still take place in the back as it has been all year. However, please know that it will definitely take much longer when we double the amount of traffic next week.

Eating Without Masks

Our students will continue to eat breakfast (if they are a student who eats breakfast here) and snack in the classrooms. Teachers will stagger the times when students eat breakfast and snack, so kids sitting directly next to each other do not have their masks off at the same time. ½ of each class will eat lunch in the classroom and the other ½ will eat in the cafeteria.

Plan for Instruction When Quarantined

As we move to increased days of face to face instruction for our in person students, our teachers will **not** continue to Zoom. The only face to face students who will have an opportunity to Zoom in for their instruction are students who are quarantined by our district nurse or another medical professional. Students will **not** be able to Zoom in for instruction for days their family chooses to keep them home that are unrelated to COVID or for vacations.

iPads/Chargers/Cords/Hotspots - NEED TO BE RETURNED

All face to face students should bring their school iPads, the school charger and the school cord to school on Monday. The Y5 - 2nd grade student iPads will remain at school moving forward. If your child does not return his/her iPad, charger and cord next week, your family will be charged for the cost of a replacement. If your child is quarantined, we will make arrangements for you to get the iPad for use at home during the quarantine.

District Hotspots - If your family borrowed a hotspot from the district, the hotspot, box and cords should also be returned next week. Please place the hotspot in a ziplock bag with your child's name and the name of his/her teacher, so we know who returned it.

Health and Safety

Families need to continue to complete the Student Health Screener every day before your child comes to school.

Please continue to keep your child home if he/she has any symptoms of illness, has been exposed to someone as a close contact or if your child and/or a family member are waiting for Covid test results. We appreciate that our families have been extremely cautious this year. We do expect that as we make this transition it is highly likely that the number of quarantines will go up.



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If your child will not be at school for any reason, you need to call the North Creek office to report the absence.

Kids Heart Challenge

Each year North Creek Elementary takes part in what in the past has been called Jump Rope for Heart through the American Heart Association. This event is now called the Kids Heart Challenge. Please see the attached letter from Mr. Burris about this special event for our students.

Help Needed

Lunch Helpers - In order to keep our students safe during lunch when we have more students in the building, we need additional lunch helpers to supervise students. Please reach out to Marcus Kaemming, our Superintendent of Human Resources, and me if you are interested in applying as a lunch helper at North Creek. The hours are Monday - Thursday from 10:45 - 12:45.

Grand Rapids Academic Summer Program (GRASP)

GRASP is a summer math and reading correspondence program for children finishing grades Kindergarten through 8th. If you are interested in ordering summer learning packets for your child, Chelsea Community Education is offering an opportunity to purchase/order those packets via the following links through April 30.

Math Only:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/chelseacommunityeducation/Activity_Search/14974

Reading Only:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/chelseacommunityeducation/Activity_Search/14975

Math & Reading:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/chelseacommunityeducation/Activity_Search/14976

Chelsea Elementary PTO

PTO is also looking for donations for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is in May.

[You can sign up on the link here.](#)

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Important Dates

April 26 - Return to 5 Days of Face to Face Instruction

April 27 - Picture Retake Day for In Person Students

May 31 No School - Memorial Day

We are looking forward to being able to reunite both groups in each classroom next week. Thank you in advance for your support and patience as we navigate another big transition.

Go Bulldogs!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal