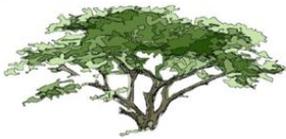


"Bridge to the Past, Branch to the Future."



# Mesquite Elementary School



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Dear Mesquite Families,

I hope you and your family are healthy and well. The purpose of this letter is to share an update on school reopening for the 2020/2021 school year.

As you are aware, in response to Governor Ducey's executive order, we are planning for Vail schools to open remotely on August 10th.

We are working hard to ensure that your child's school year is successful. To help your child build a relationship with their new teacher, Welcome Back Night will still take place but will look a little different than usual. During the week of August 3rd, your child's teacher will send a video welcoming you and your child to the new school year. Welcome Back Night is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6th**. During this time, families will be able to meet their child's teacher, see their classroom, and ask questions as needed. **\*Please note that this plan is subject to change.**

An email will be sent on July 27th for you to sign up for a 10-minute, in-person, or Zoom meet and greet with your child's teacher.

To support families in need, a limited number of devices will be available for check out on August 6th Welcome Back Night. Please complete the [Chromebook Checkout](#) to indicate your family's device needs. Please note, devices will only be available to families while all students are learning remotely. Chromebook checkout will be available during Welcome Back Night in the library. Once students are able to return to campus, all devices will need to be returned.

During the week of August 10th, you can expect that your child's teacher will engage your child in get-to-know-you activities, teach classroom management expectations, and begin instruction.

Should remote learning extend beyond the week of August 10th, our approach to remote learning will differ greatly from the general educational opportunity packets that were offered in the fourth quarter of last school year. Remote learning will include weekly online lessons on the core content areas of Reading, Writing, Math, and alternating Social Studies/Science. Lessons will focus on mastery learning of grade-level standards; the new content will be delivered through Schoology and real-time/video lessons. Student work will be submitted and graded.

Daily attendance and participation will be vital to your child's success; our intent is to provide flexibility to meet a variety of family schedules. If you are not already familiar with PowerSchool and/or Schoology, information regarding parent login and set up will be available during Welcome Back Night on August 6th in our MPR. We encourage all kindergarten and new families to sign up. You will be able to sign up for tech support in the July 27th email.

If your child is in Advanced Math, ELP, or Special Education, your child's teacher or case manager will be in contact to discuss your child's needs and goals.

For information regarding what the school day will look like, please see our school website at <http://mes.vailschooldistrict.org/>.

July 27- Welcome Back/Tech Support Sign-up Email

Week of August 3- Teacher and Principal Video

August 6- Welcome Back Night/Tech Support/Chromebook Checkout

August 10- First Day of School (remote learning)

August 17- Physical/traditional campus instruction

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I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and grace as we navigate school reopening under this new type of reopening for the first time. I truly appreciate the gracious, supportive, and understanding community of Mesquite and I look forward to another great year together!

Your Partner in Education,

Diane Vargo

Principal

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