

# BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



LOWER ELEMENTARY  
RETURN TO LEARN  
ON-SITE PLAN

2020-2021

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Bethel Public Schools believe that the most effective instruction for your child is in-person instruction in the safest environment possible under the current circumstances. Students will remain with their class throughout the day to minimize contact with other students to ensure the safety of all. Please keep in mind that this plan is subject to change based on CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Education guidelines and recommendations. <https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Oklahoma%20Schools%20Safety%20Protocols%20Draft.pdf>  
[fbclid=IwAR24fndUU44uYf3yNL5Vh1lfEHcFczNTKW5S1ZTAzOOwh4Fb9urAAIzLb1Y](https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Oklahoma%20Schools%20Safety%20Protocols%20Draft.pdf)

This plan falls under the district Return to School Plan that was released on July 27, 2020 and will address site-specific procedures.

School will begin on Thursday, August 20th, with health and safety procedures in place.

Our current Return to School On-Site Plan includes the following:

## ACTIVITY CLASSES

Social distancing will be practiced in all activity classes (Music, PE, Art, Library, Computers). Students will attend all activity classes with their class and wear masks in the hallways to and from those classes. (When outside, students are not required to wear masks.) Activity class teachers will plan instruction with social distancing in mind.

## BACKPACKS

Students should drop off their backpacks in their classroom and have their temperature checked before heading to the cafeteria for breakfast.

## CAFETERIA

At breakfast and lunch, students will be seated every other seat and diagonally to avoid close proximity and face-to-face contact. During lunch time, only one grade level will be served at a time. Masks will not be required at the cafeteria tables. Parents/Guardians are not allowed to eat with students in the cafeteria. In an effort to minimize office traffic, parents/guardians will not be allowed to bring forgotten lunches at this time. In the event a lunch is left at home, students will be served a cafeteria tray at your cost.

## **CLASS PARTIES AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

At this time, we are only allowing individually wrapped, store bought treats. Unfortunately, visitors are not allowed to attend these events at this time.

## **DISINFECTING AND HAND SANITIZING**

Frequent use of hand sanitizer and hand washing will be done throughout the day. Classrooms and desks will be disinfected frequently throughout the day.

## **DISMISSAL**

Bus lines will remain in the cafeteria at three feet apart. Car riders will continue to be picked up at the LE entrance. Students will be separated by class and grade while practicing social distancing. Parents will be required to stay in cars and proceed through the car rider line. During dismissal, masks will be required.

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

All events and activities, such as Wednesday with Wilbur assemblies and field trips, have been cancelled until further notice. This will be reevaluated during the second semester and may resume providing it is safe to do so according to local and state guidelines.

## **HALLWAY**

When feasible, students will practice social distancing while wearing masks.

## **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STUDENT TEACHERS**

Some high school Service Learning students, high school aides, and student teachers will be working in some of our classrooms throughout the school year. Upon entry into the classroom, teachers will take their temperature, require them to wear a mask, and ask them to wash their hands.

## **LIBRARIES**

Utilizing picture and chapter books is a very important part of your child's education. Honoring the importance of reading, the elementary library will remain open for student use. After students check out or use books from their classroom or the elementary library, the books will be returned to a quarantine box and will be disinfected before going back into circulation.

## **MASKS**

Staff and visitors will be required to wear masks. Students will wear masks in the hallways, during restroom breaks, at dismissal, and transitioning to and from activity classes, recess, and lunch. Masks will not be required by students at their seats in their classrooms, recess, nap time, or cafeteria tables. Also, they will not be required when transitioning outside the building. Students should bring two masks to school labeled with their name. Students are also encouraged to have breakaway/no-choke lanyards to assist in the prevention of lost masks.

## **MEET THE TEACHER**

Information regarding Meet the Teacher will be forthcoming and posted on the Bethel Lower Elementary School Facebook page.

## **MORNING PROCEDURES**

As students arrive at school, they will be directed to their classroom. If students are having breakfast, they will then proceed to the cafeteria. Parents will not be escorting their child into the building. Playgrounds will not be open for morning recess. The school day begins at 8:00am, however, doors open at 7:35am. If students plan to eat breakfast, they should arrive by 7:45am to allow plenty of time to eat.

## **NAPS**

PreK students will continue to have nap time on cots while staying in their cohort groups. Students will not wear masks while on their cots.

## **RECESS**

Students will remain with their class throughout recess. The playgrounds will be sectioned into four quadrants. Students will remain with their classmates in one quadrant of the playground. Classes will alternate sections each day. Masks will not be required at recess. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands after recess.

## **RESTROOMS**

Hall restrooms will have a max capacity of 6 students in each restroom. Efforts should be made to maintain social distance while waiting in the restroom.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Students will be utilizing personal supplies (pencils, crayons, scissors, markers, glue, etc.) rather than sharing supplies or using classroom sets. In efforts to follow safety guidelines, supply lists have been updated to include masks, water bottles, and lanyards. Please refer to the posted supply lists for your child's needed supplies.

## **SNACKS**

Students should only bring individually wrapped snacks for class snack breaks per teacher's request.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING WITHIN THE CLASSROOM**

Classrooms with individual student desks will be spread out as best we can considering the size of the classrooms and number of students. Within the classrooms, students will be kept in cohorts, or small groups, of 4-6 students to reduce the mixing of students. Cohorts will allow some peer interaction, small group instruction, and centers. Social distancing will continue to be practiced throughout the day. Students will remain with their class to minimize contact with other students and groups and to ensure the safety of all.

## **TEMPERATURE CHECKS**

Parents are urged to check their child's temperature and for symptoms each morning before they arrive at school. By 8:00am, teachers will take the temperatures of all students in their classrooms. All staff will also have their temperatures taken upon arrival. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will be sent to the office to be taken to the school nurse for further evaluation and isolation. Parents/Guardians will then be contacted to pick up their child. Temperatures will be checked again prior to lunch.

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## **VISITORS**

In order to ensure the safety of all students and eliminate outside contact for our students, parents/guardians and visitors will not be allowed in the building at any time. In case of an emergency, parents/guardians will be allowed to enter the office area only. Upon entering the building, parents/guardians and visitors will be required to wear a mask and have their temperature taken. To pick up a student, parents/guardians will need to contact the office and Mrs. Lou will have your child ready for pick up at the main entrance door.

## **WATER FOUNTAINS**

Water fountains will only be used to refill water bottles. Bottle fillers are touch-less and sensor-activated with cool water. Students should bring a clean, filled water bottle to school everyday. Water bottles should be kid friendly and spill proof.