

Latham Elementary

Reopening Plan, Fall 2020

Dear Latham Community,

We are so excited to welcome back students this fall. We have certainly been going through an unprecedented time. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure that we come back to school in a safe manner to help protect the health of our students and staff. By taking preventative measures, we will be doing our part to ensure that we are having quality in-person education as much as possible during these uncertain times. Below are the measures we will take to work towards a healthy year full of learning.

- Parents should screen their students at home. If they are showing symptoms of a respiratory illness, they should remain at home until they are symptom and fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication (Tylenol, ibuprofen, etc.), or have been diagnosed with a non-COVID illness by a doctor and properly treated.
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon entry to the building and in each classroom.
- Water fountains will not be available for use. We will install water bottle fillers in their place. Through generous community donations, each student will be provided with a Tupperware water bottle for use at school.
- Students will be screened by school staff and have their temperature taken upon arrival to school. Parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to pick up their student if they show symptoms or have a fever.
- Seating charts will be utilized and kept up to date in order to best help contact tracing should a positive case occur. Seating will be spaced out and facing in the same direction when possible.

- Breakfast procedures will be altered so that we can maintain social distancing.
- When within 6 feet of students, teachers and staff will wear a mask. CDC guidelines state that adult to student transmission is much more likely than student to adult. For this reason, students will not be required to wear a mask, but may wear one if they or their parent/guardians choose to do so.
- Visitors must arrange their visit with teachers and office personnel and wear a mask when in the building.

It is our hope to provide in-person education for the entire school year, however, if situations arise where we must close the school building, we will be prepared to provide quality distance learning through both virtual and physical means. Due to the fluidity of this situation, these procedures are subject to change. A great amount of time and care has and will continue to go into our number one priority at Latham: keeping our students and staff safe.

Let's go Braves!

Mr. Hoecker