Principal's Newsletter
Mountain View Elementary

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Looking Forward to a New School Year

Students and Parents,

I hope this finds you all in good health and enjoying the summer! I want to once again thank all of you for what you did to ensure the end of last school year was the success it was in the situation we were in. It is hard to believe that we are already in the second week of August, and as long as it seems since the students were in our school buildings, it is definitely coming fast now. We as a staff at MVE are looking forward to seeing all of you again soon. As you have seen in Mr. Newton's updates, we are slated to begin with students learning in school beginning on August 26th. The staff here at MVE and UCSD#4 are working hard to ensure that we have the necessary precautions in place to make school as normal as possible, while keeping students and staff safe and healthy, and following the guidelines given to us by local and state health departments, as well as Governor Gordon.
Please plan on multiple updates from myself and Mr. Newton over the next couple of weeks as we finalize plans based on the guidelines we are given, as well as the outlined protocols in our Smart Start Plan that has been approved by our health officials and the Wyoming Department of Education. The purpose of this newsletter is to start sharing some building specific information on things that may look and feel a bit different here at Mountain View Elementary as we begin the school year. Please look for more information to come soon.

In-Person Information Sessions

MVE will be hosting in-person parent meetings on **Monday, August 17th** to discuss some of the changes that affect us all as we enter the coming school year. These meetings will be separated by pod. Much of the information presented in these meetings will be covered in my newsletters, but it will also be a chance for some Q&A time as well. **These meetings will all be held in the MVHS Auditorium**, and we will be requiring people to social distance. Our current orders restrict us to 250 people in the auditorium with social distance protocols in place. Because of this we would ask that children remain at home for these meetings. **We would also ask that your wear an appropriate face covering until sitting in the auditorium and socially distant**. I would also ask that you do the daily symptoms screening checklist mentioned below.

Monday, August 17: K/1 Pod 5:00-5:45, 2/3 Pod 6:00-6:45, 4/5 Pod 7:00-7:45

* **If you have students in multiple pods, please only attend one session.***

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Important Information

Access to the building beginning August 26th:

In order to increase our chances to remain in Tier 1, open for in-person classes, we will be limiting access to our buildings during our school day. What that means is this:

* Entrance into the building by students **will not be allowed until 7:45**. The only exception to this will be if a student has an appointment with a teacher prior to 7:45 and the teacher will meet them at the door.
* At 7:45 Students will be taken outside for recess (unless an inside recess is required due to weather etc…). Optional breakfast will be served at this time as well (the same as in the past).
* We will not be asking for classroom volunteers at this time. I know that many of you love to volunteer and be in our classrooms, and we appreciate the help, but with the current situation this is a necessary change.
* Parents will not be allowed to wait in the office or at the MV for their children at the end of the day. We would ask you to wait in the parent loop, the parking lot, or outside for your child. If you are checking your child out early, please call ahead and we will do our best to have your child at the office ready for you to check them out at the time you specify.
* We will not be holding a traditional Back to School Night this year. I will share as much info as I can through newsletters and in our in-person meetings as we continue to approach the 1st day of school. Please check your email, and read the information as it comes.

Daily Screening Checklist

* As found in Appendix E of our Smart Start Plan, we are asking that parents conduct a screening of COVID-19 symptoms with each child attending school each morning before they come to school. You will receive more information on how this will be done utilizing a website in the coming days.

I want to thank all of you once again for your understanding and efforts during this time. I know you probably have many questions, and I hope to address them in the coming days through newsletters, and the in-person meetings.

Bill Erickson

Online Registration

Please take some time to log onto the parent portal of powerschool to update your child's registration. This can be linked from www.uinta4.com as well. This is required each year, and your updates will ensure we have up to date phone #'s etc…, and ensure you receive swift alert information. If you have questions please call Sherri Stucki at the high school or email stuckis@uinta4.com