



ESMOND STATION K -8

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Vail School District #20

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Dear Hybrid Families,

We are so excited to welcome students back to campus this week. In an effort to make the reopening of school as smooth as possible, we want to share some important information with each of you. Education is truly a community effort and we will all need to work together to make the start of in-person school a success.

Before Your Child(ren) Depart(s) for School

- Complete the [Home Health Screening Checklist](#).
- If your child has any of the symptoms on the checklist, please keep your child home.
- In the event of an absence, please call our attendance line at 879-3403.

Drop-off

- Please help us to make sure students have their masks on when they arrive on campus.
- As students arrive (this includes walkers, bus riders and parent drop off students), they will enter through their assigned gate.
- At their assigned gate, a staff member will take temperatures using a no touch thermometer. If a student has an elevated temperature, they will be taken to the health office for a second screening. If the temperature remains elevated (over 100 degrees), parents will be contacted to pick up their child from school.
 - We will be staggering arrival times for students. The purpose of a staggered arrival time is to assist with the process of temperature checks and physical distancing as students arrive.
 - Therefore, students with last names that start with the letters A through K should arrive between 7:50 a.m. and 8:05 a.m.
 - Students with last names that start with the letters L through Z should arrive between 8:05 a.m. and 8:20 a.m.
 - Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade will enter the school through the gate by the field.
 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will enter the school through the main middle gate to campus.
 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will enter the school through the fire lane by the site resident's house.
- Bus riders will arrive on campus when their bus arrives and report directly to their classroom. Please click [here](#) to enter your address and see the times for your bus route.

- Breakfast will be provided to those students who need it for free. As students enter the assigned gate to head to class, we will have a bagged breakfast meal for students to take with them to class.
- Parents will not be permitted on campus during this phase of instruction. We ask that parents remain in their cars as they drop off their child(ren). Parents who walk their child(ren) to school need to wear a mask while on school grounds and will not be permitted beyond the school gates.

Lunch/Snacks/ Water

- Student lunches will be free of charge.
- Lunch menus will be posted on our website as soon as they are available. The selection will be limited.
- School lunches will be delivered to their class for grades K-5. Middle school students will have lunches delivered to their designated lunch area.
- Please pack additional water bottles for your child(ren) as the drinking fountains have been turned off.
- Please pack an additional snack for your child(ren).

Supplies

- Please make sure your child(ren) bring(s) their own personal supplies to school. Click [here](#) for the supply list.
- Students will not be sharing supplies during the Hybrid phase of instruction.
- Kindergarten through 4th grade families that have checked out a school device for Remote Instruction do not need to transport devices back and forth to school. Please keep devices safe at home for now and we will communicate in the future about the process to return devices to campus.

Dismissal

- **Kindergarten students and their siblings** will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. An announcement will be made for kindergarten siblings to meet their families at their assigned kindergarten gate/spot. Please communicate which gate your older child(ren) should meet based on their siblings kindergarten p.m. class.
 - Mrs. Lewis's p.m. class will dismiss from behind the gate near the field.
 - Mrs. Reller's p.m. class will dismiss from outside the gate by the field.
 - Mrs. Wood's and Ms. Pruet's classes will dismiss from the main middle gates.
- **Walkers and Bike Riders** will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
- **Bus Riders** will be dismissed when the busses arrive.
- **Parent Pick-up** students will be dismissed from their classroom. Families will receive an email from Mrs. Brazzell with your assigned car number. We are using an app to dismiss students from their classrooms. Please be sure to have your car number visually displayed in your windshield as you pull into the parent pick-up lane. As you arrive, your child's teacher will be notified to send your child(ren) out to meet you. We will not dismiss parent pick-up students until the Kindergarten students and walkers/bike riders have left campus.

Please do not start arriving on campus before 2:25 p.m. This will allow us to clear our Kindergarten students and walkers/bike riders. Please bear with us as we try out this new system. I'm sure we will learn a lot and reflect after the first week.

- **Elementary Advanced Math and Elementary ELP** If your student is in Advanced Math or ELP, Ms. Henson and Ms. Slade will be holding live Schoology conferences on Friday. They will share more information this week about their classes.

5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Additional Information

- You should receive an email on Thursday notifying you whether your child(ren) is/are in cohort A or B. We had to make some adjustments to balance classes. If we had to move you out of your A-K (A cohort) or L-Z (B cohort), you would have been personally contacted by a staff member at Esmond Station.
- Please ensure that your child(ren) bring(s) their charged chromebook and charger with them to school everyday. Students need to transport their school issued computer to and from school in a padded case/sleeve to keep their computers protected.
- **5th Grade Students**
 - Each student will be given an "At Home Folder". The folder will have an agenda and work for Science, Social Studies and Writing. The teachers will review the materials in the folder prior to each student leaving campus. Throughout the week, your child's teacher will check the progress of their "At Home" assignments. 5th graders should still check their teacher's schoology course for supplemental resources.
- **Middle School students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade)**
 - Students will report to their first Core Class of the day for their first period (which will be ELA, math, or science).
 - On the days that 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are working from home, they will complete the Schoology lessons provided. Middle school student check-ins for at home days will be the following times

ELA	7:50 a.m.
Grade Level Math	8:00 a.m.
Science	8:10 a.m.
Social Studies	2:40 p.m.
Advanced Math	2:50 p.m.

Student Medication Needs at School

Prior to the school building opening, our health aide, Shawn Ortega, has set up a Sign Up Genius to allow parents to drop off student medication over the next 2 days, Thursday Sept 18 and Friday Sept 19th. This will help keep waiting times down since there can only be a limited number of parents in the office. Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4DA4AA2DA5F49-esmond>

Opportunity to Walk the Campus with Your Child This Weekend

This weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, we will open the school gates from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. for families to get acquainted with our campus and see the outside of their classroom. We are hoping that this eases some of those first day back on campus jitters. You will find school maps at the front gate.

Thank you for your understanding as we plan through all of the logistics to reopening our physical campus to our students. We cannot wait to see you all next week. As always, please reach out to me with any questions.

Your partner in education,

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