



## ESMOND STATION K -8

*Bridge to the past; track to the future.*

Vail School District #20

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Dear Esmond Families,

Here at Esmond Station, we are looking forward to a great school year! We are excited to meet our new families and students and welcome them to Esmond Station. Included below are details about our Open House and procedures for the school year.

### **Open House, Thursday July 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m**

- Walk campus
- See your classroom(s) and meet your teacher(s)
- Drop off classroom school supplies (click here for your student's recommended grade level supplies)
- 5th - 8th grade students may learn more about band (Music room with Mr. Iniguez)
- 6th -8th grade students may learn more about choir (Music room with Mr. Iniguez)
- Turn in any registration documentation (MPR)
- Meet with our substitute health aide (MPR)
- Learn more about transportation (MPR) (click here for a link to transportation routes)
- Visit Community Programs and learn about before and aftercare
- Learn about how to become a campus volunteer (MPR)
- Hear from our PTSA and the fun they have planned for students this year (MPR)
- Middle School students may pick up their chromebooks in the Hub (see more information below).
- Nominate yourself or another parent to be part of our site council to fill the community member vacant position (MPR)

### **Student Drop Off Procedures**

We will spend the first weeks of school teaching students routines, procedures and expectations. One routine for families to become familiar with is our parking lot and dismissal procedures. The parking lot will be busy and congested the first few days but it will get better; I promise! We have wonderful staff helping to direct traffic. I understand it can be frustrating to wait, but please be patient and kind as we help to get to know our new students and help to get the flow going through the parking lot.

**School hours are 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.**

#### **Arrival:**

- Gates open at 7:50 a.m. Please do not drop off students prior to 7:50 a.m. as we don't have supervision prior to that time.
- Please do not park in the drop off loop. Students should only exit from the right lane of the drop of loop and from the right side of the car. If you would like to walk your student to their assigned gate, please park and walk across the crosswalk.

- Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students enter through the main campus gate and go to the MPR from 7:50-8:15. Teachers will meet their students there and take them to class.
- 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade students will enter through the side gate and head to the playground. Teachers will meet their students at the playground at 8:15 and take them to class.
- Middle school students will enter through the North gate and hang out by artificial grass and courtyard area.. When the bell rings at 8:15, students will line up at their first period class' door.
- If students need breakfast, they may go to the MPR for breakfast.

### **Dismissal:**

- Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. from the MPR. These are the glass doors to the right of the front gate. Kindergarten parents must physically meet their student's teacher at the door at the end of the day. Please do not park in the drop off loop. Please park and walk across the crosswalk. If your kindergartener has older siblings at Esmond Station they will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. too.
- Students taking a bus home, walking home or riding their bike home will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m.
- Parent Pick Up students will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m..
- 1st grade will be dismissed from the wall by the bus bay.
- 2nd grade will be dismissed by the bench and flag pole.
- 3rd grade will be dismissed by the trees by the bus bay.
- 4th grade will be dismissed by the Be Kind mosaic.
- 5th grade & Middle School will be dismissed from the North back gate.
- At pick up, if you are choosing to meet your child in their designated area, please park in a parking spot. If you are planning to drive through to pick up your child(ren), please follow the loop. We will use our walkie talkie system to identify your child and send them to your car.

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided for free this school year. You may access lunch menus [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Health and Wellness Guidelines for Students**

Please click [here](#) for the full document.

- Please complete the [Daily Health Check](#) prior to arriving on campus. If your student is not feeling well or exhibiting a new and unexplained symptom, please stay home.
- **Face Coverings (Masks)**-In March of 2021, Governor Doug Ducey lifted a number of previously mandated statewide mitigation requirements, including mandatory mask wearing and physical distancing. On May 14, 2021, the Pima County Board of Supervisors rescinded the local face mask mandate.

Beginning July 1, 2021, employees, students, and visitors may opt to wear or not wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

The decision to wear or not wear a mask will be respected by all parties. Students and families are reminded of the expectation to maintain respectful interactions with others while on school property or attending school functions and to follow the A.C.T. Statement.

- **Handwashing-** We will continue to schedule regular handwashing for our students throughout the day.
- **Sanitization-** We will continue to sanitize is high traffic areas on campus.

### **Middle School Chromebooks**

Our middle school students have the opportunity to take their school issued Chromebooks in the HUB at Open House. However, if you are unable to attend Open House, Middle School students will be issued them on the first day of school.

**In order for students to be issued their school Chrome book please follow these four steps:**

1. Read and sign the [Responsible Use Policy](#).
2. Read and sign the [Insurance Form](#).
3. Bring/show that you have a padded case for your chromebook.
4. Pick up your chromebook in the HUB at Open House.

### **Middle School Schedules**

Our middle school students will have 4 Core Classes: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. In addition we have two thirty minute reteach/ enrich classes.

Students are enrolled in Reteach or Enrich for the entire quarter. During Reteach/Enrich time our students who qualify for ELP (Extended Learning Program) will meet for the entire hour and students interested in Choir will meet for the entire hour. The only exception is if ELP and Choir students need Reteach in Math or Reading. In this case, they might only attend half of their ELP or Choir class.

Middle School students will also have time for Specials. Our Specialists this year are Art, Band (5th grade through 8th grade), Physical Education, STEAM and Technology. Students interested in band will enroll for the entire year. Students not taking band will rotate through each of the other four specialist classes, taking one each quarter.

Schedules are up to date with Core classes, but are not yet finalized for their Reteach/Enrich/ ELP/ Choir class and their Special class. This will happen the first week of school.

### **Middle School Sports Information Meeting**

- Tuesday, July 20th, 6:00 p.m. in the MPR
- Quarter one sports: Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, Flag Football

Contact Jason Schlauderaff, Athletic Direction, [schlauderraffi@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:schlauderraffi@vailschooldistrict.org) or Kari Matthias, Assistant Athletic Director, [matthiask@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:matthiask@vailschooldistrict.org) for more information.

### **Volunteering on Campus**

We welcome parent volunteers on campus. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to our volunteer coordinator, Gigi Annunziato at [annunziatog@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:annunziatog@vailschooldistrict.org). Here is the application to get started: <https://www.applitrack.com/vail/onlineapp/default.aspx>.

At Esmond Station we are truly looking forward to working together this year in a positive parent school partnership. It is going to be a great year at Esmond Station.

Your partner in your child's education,

Lainie Kitzmiller  
Principal