

Meadow View 21-22 *Health and Safety Protocols*8/27/21

Hey, Meadow View!

We are excited to be able to welcome you back to school! As you know, Bethel will open with a 5-day per week on-site schedule. Your MV wolf pack has been working hard to get the school ready for you and we can't wait to see you! The information, routines and procedures shared in this handbook will help you and your child get to know the expectations that will keep us all safe, healthy, and learning. The guidance around COVID-19 and COVID-19 variants continues to evolve. We will communicate with families and update the handbook if/when we receive new guidance and need to make adjustments.

See you soon!

Erika and Carmen

School Days and Hours for K-8

We are thrilled to be welcoming students and staff back to buildings for full-time learning, for the 2021-2022 school year, as recommended by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

Meadow View School hours are **NOW from 8:30-2:35pm for K-8**. We will have a staggered arrival and dismissal. Homeroom exterior doors will open at 8:15 for breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the classroom between 8:15 and 8:30 and continues to be free for all students. The school day will still begin at 8:30.

Staggered Arrival:

• Bus riders arrive: 8:10-8:15

• Walkers, bikers and family transport arrive: 8:15-8:30

Staggered Dismissal:

• Bus riders dismiss: 2:30

• Walkers, bikers and family pick-up dismiss: 2:35

School Communication

We will continue to use our <u>school website and blog</u> as a tool for Meadow View communication with families.

Physical Distancing

The recommendation is for students to maintain 3 feet apart from other students in all settings, at all times, to the maximum extent possible. Further recommendations include distancing of 6 feet for staff-to-staff and staff-to-student. Signage, protocols, routines and systems have been put in place to teach, reteach and practice maintaining 3 feet of distance.

Cohorting

Cohorting is a strategy used to reduce the spread of COVID-19. A cohort is a consistent group of students that stay together during the school day. Meadow View has put systems and staggered schedules in place to reduce cross-cohort interactions throughout the day. Student cohorting allows us

Cohorting, continued...

to quickly identify people if there is an exposure and limits the number of exposed people when a case is identified at school. Cohorts will look different this year.

- Homeroom class cohorts will be intact for grades K-4
- All 5th graders will eat together in the caforium and have recess together as a grade level. All other parts of their day, they will be in stable homeroom classes.
- 6th grade is a cohort. This means that all 6th graders will change classes throughout the day, eat together in the caforium at lunch and have recess together as a grade level.
- 7th and 8th grades are a cohort due to the fact that they have mixed grade level elective classes. This means that all 7th and 8th graders will change elective classes throughout the day. Core classes, lunch and recess will be contained to a single grade level.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for all students and staff. The use of face coverings does not change physical distancing requirements. During the school day, students are required to wear masks while indoors and are not required to wear masks during outdoor recess or when a classroom is meeting outdoors (this is subject to change based on direction from OHA and ODE). Beginning Friday, August 27th, masks will also be required in most public outdoor settings outside of the school day when physical distancing is not possible. Please wear your mask at arrival and dismissal--let's keep schools open.

Certain accommodations for medical needs or disability may be necessary. The district will meet all ADA and IDEA requirements, including team meetings and involving District Nurses in team decision making for individual students. Face shields are only an acceptable alternative when a student has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask or face covering. **Face/neck gaiters are not an acceptable substitutions for a mask.**

In the case that a student or family chooses not to wear a face covering for reasons other than medical need or disability, schools will follow district processes to determine how to respond keeping in mind both the responsibility for health and safety and the student's need to access education. Schools cannot serve a student in-person if they or their family choose not to wear a face covering. Schools may offer a remote or online school option for the student.





<u>Cloth Face Coverings-Video (ENGLISH)</u>

Cloth Face Coverings-Video (SPANISH)

Daily At-Home Screening

To maintain health and safety and keep our schools open, we are asking that every student is screened for signs of illness at home every day--before they come to school. This is one way we will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Daily Parent/Caregiver Screening Questions		
Question 1	Question 2	Question 3
Do they have one or more primary symptoms of COVID-19?	Do they have any secondary symptoms?	Have they been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case or currently in quarantine?
 Fever (100.4 or above) or chills Shortness of Breath New or persistent cough New loss of taste or smell 	 Headache Vomiting Diarrhea Headache Sore Throat 	 You must be 14-days past the last exposure, and symptom-free.
New loss of taste of sillen	CongestionFatigue/Tiredness	 Documentation must be provided before entrance.
Stay home. Call the doctor.	Stay home. Call the school for further guidance.	Stay home. Call the school for details on returning.

Entry Protocol

All students will be visually screened for appearance of symptoms prior to entry into the building. Symptomatic students and staff will be isolated, screened again, and sent home if ill. Non bus riders (e.g., walkers, bikers, and students transported by a parent/guardian) will enter classrooms through exterior doors with a few exceptions (see below). Doors will be marked with signage.

Entry and Exit Location by Grade (see appendix for grade level maps):

- Kindergarten: Exterior classroom doors
- 1st Grade: Exterior classroom door
- 2nd Grade: Exterior classroom door
- 3rd Grade: Exterior classroom door
- 4th Grade: 4/5 recess door at backside of building or exterior classroom door if walking from neighborhood across Legacy St
- 5th Grade: Door by Band Room near rear parking or entry in 5th grade hall if walking from neighborhood across Legacy St
- 6th Grade: Exterior classroom door
- 7th Grade: Exterior classroom door
- 8th Grade: Exterior classroom door

Drop Off and Pick Up at School (Pause Parking, Parking Lot Changes & Bethel Park)

We are making a few adjustments to our current parking plan in order to reduce the likelihood of creating close gatherings on campus. Our front parking lot will continue to be dedicated to K-3 students. Families of students in grades 4-8 will continue to utilize the Bethel Park for drop off/pick up.

Here are the changes for Fall 2021:

- Students will not be entering through the front doors of the school and most grades will use their exterior classroom doors for morning entry/afternoon exit (same as hybrid).
- All buses will use the back parking lot (same as hybrid)
- The K-3 front parking lot will have pause parking during arrival and dismissal times. Parents/caregivers will remain in vehicles, pull up and drop students off curbside. MV staff will greet students at the curb and assist with getting them to class.
- K-3 parents/caregivers can also park in our front parking lot or the Bethel park if they plan to walk to their child's classroom door for drop off/pick up.
 - Please refrain from parking and waiting at the sidewalk in front of the school, use pause parking instead. We are actively trying to limit adult gatherings for health and safety purposes.
- 4-8 parents/caregivers will continue to utilize the Bethel Park for drop off/pick up. If your middle school student has a younger sibling in grades K-3 and you plan to use the front for curbside drop off/pick up, your middle school student can be dropped off with their younger sibling in the front, too.

While this continues to be an imperfect plan, we are also navigating an imperfect situation. We will try this system and reevaluate later this fall. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we put practices in place to prioritize the health and safety of our students, families and staff---this will also help us keep school open.

Late Arrivals

Students arriving late to school need to enter the building through the Meadow View office/main entrance to check in. Do not knock on your classroom's exterior door.

Signage

We have building signage and other written forms of communication inside and outside of the school describing health protocols and safety procedures.

This includes and is not limited to:

- Floor markers that indicate three to six feet of physical distancing
- Three to six feet social distancing reminders
- Hand washing/sanitizing protocols and prompts
- Masks Required signs inside and outside
- CDC COVID-19 hazard posters
- Directional signage for traffic flow and one-way designations

Classroom Capacity, Layout and Seating

Classrooms are set up to follow physical health and safety guidelines. We have removed extra furniture to increase available space. Desks, tables and seats will be arranged to allow at least 3 feet of distance between students to the extent possible. Classrooms will utilize seating charts for contact tracing.

Bathroom Use

Student restrooms are open at full capacity. Students will be taught and retaught hand washing procedures. Bathrooms have hand washing signs posted.

Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

School schedules allow for regular and thorough cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces during the day and after school. Classrooms are equipped with supplies for the cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.

Ventilation systems are regularly maintained by maintenance staff and/or HVAC contractors. Staff will open doors as much as possible, while still monitoring student safety.

School Supplies and Limited Shared Materials

We will provide school supplies for on-site use. We have limited communal supplies or shared items. Items brought from home should be related to academic essentials (e.g. backpack, jacket, water bottle, etc.). For grades K-4, cubbies will be assigned to individual students for storage of their personal belongings. Students will not share cubbies.

For grades 5-8, students will not use lockers or hallway storage hooks. Students will store their backpacks on the back of their chair/assigned seat in their classroom.

Drinking Water

Drinking fountains will be off limits and not accessible to students. Water will be available for students to fill water bottles from classroom sinks. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.

Wolf's Den

The Wolf's Den is the name for our isolation area. It is recommended that schools create a space for students who become ill at school with excludable symptoms. Students will remain at school supervised by staff in the Wolf's Den until parents/guardians can pick them up.

Health and Safety Precautions for the Wolf's Den Include:

- Ventilation considerations/air purifiers
- Disinfecting supplies for between visits
- Communication with District Nurse and documentation
- If more than one student in isolation room, students will maintain physical distancing
- District Nurses guide illness/exclusion process per ODE/OHA Communicable Disease Guidance
- District Nurse/MV health staff contact family

Health Room

Our health room located in the front office is separate from the Wolf's Den and will continue to be staffed by our health assistant. Students receiving medications at school or who are injured will access the health room. Students who feel sick during the day will go to the Wolf's Den for additional screening and care.

Bus Transportation

Protocols are in place for the bus stop, bus ride and as students exit the bus. Buses will be disinfected between routes. MV buses will drop off and pick up in the back parking lot. Bus riders will walk through the interior of the school and enter classes through interior classroom doors.

Bus riders will:

- practice physical distancing at the bus stop
- wear masks prior to entering the bus
- be given sanitizer before boarding the bus
- continue to wear face coverings on the bus
- sit in assigned seats

Visitors and Volunteers

At this time, visitors and volunteers will be unable to work in schools, or complete other volunteer activities that require in person interaction. Adults in schools are limited to essential personnel only. Signage at main entrances inform visitors of the process for entry (picking up your child from school early, etc.)

Meals

School breakfast and lunch will be free to all students.

- Students eating breakfast at school will eat in classrooms
- Desks will be wiped down before/after meals
- Students will wash/sanitize hands before/after meals
- Students remove masks only while eating and promptly return masks when finished (students are masked when preparing for meals and when cleaning up after meals)
- Because of health and safety and access, microwaves will **not be available** for student use.
- Kindergartners will eat lunch in their classrooms
- Grades 1-4 will eat lunch in the pods, one class per pod
- Grade 5-8 will eat lunch in the caforium one grade level at a time

Supervision

The regular school day now runs from 8:30am to 2:35pm. Supervision is provided from 8:15 to 8:30am and from 2:35 to 2:45pm. Supervision is not provided for times other than those designated here. Parents/caregivers should not leave children unattended beyond Meadow View's hours of supervision.

Recess

5-8 grades will go to recess with their grade level. K-4 classes will go to recess with their cohort/homeroom class. Each cohort will be assigned to a zone on the playground (e.g., play structure, black top, turf, etc.). Classes will rotate zones each week, so students have a chance to access each zone in our play area.

Outdoor playground structures require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. Students will go outside in rainy weather. Please send a jacket on rainy days. Contact the school if you need clothing (541-607-9700).

Mask Breaks and Outdoor Learning

We know that students may need to take a "mask break" during the day. All of our classrooms have designated mask break spaces that are away from other students and near a door when possible. Classes are encouraged to go outside for outdoor learning and movement breaks.

Attendance

ODE's pre-pandemic attendance and reporting practices are unchanged/reinstated. A "Day in session" means a scheduled day of instruction during which students are under the guidance and direction of teachers.

Process to Report Health and Safety Concerns

Bethel School District has created an anonymous survey form that will be available to all students, staff, and families via school websites. Concerns will be reviewed.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing

Bethel Health Center stays up to date on testing and vaccination sites and offerings. If you need assistance finding a testing site or acquiring the vaccine, please contact the Bethel Health Center at 541-607-1430 or Meadow View School at 541-607-9700.

Ongoing Guidance

We are working closely with our District Nursing Team, Lane County Public Health, neighboring school districts, and ODE to inform decision making for health and safety protocols, including: mask-wearing, physical distancing, cohort grouping, communication and other ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Changes in community transmission may warrant additional protocols or changes to this guidance.

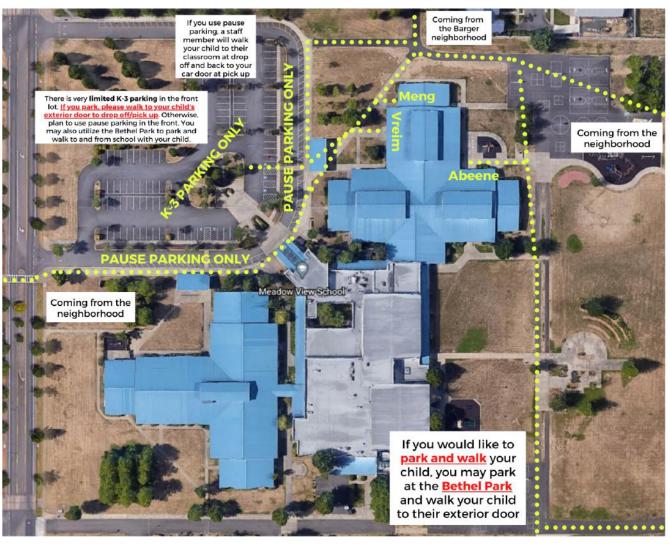
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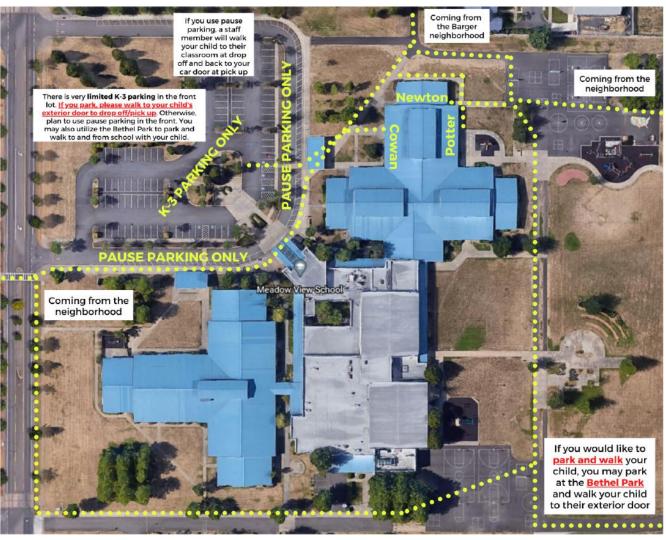


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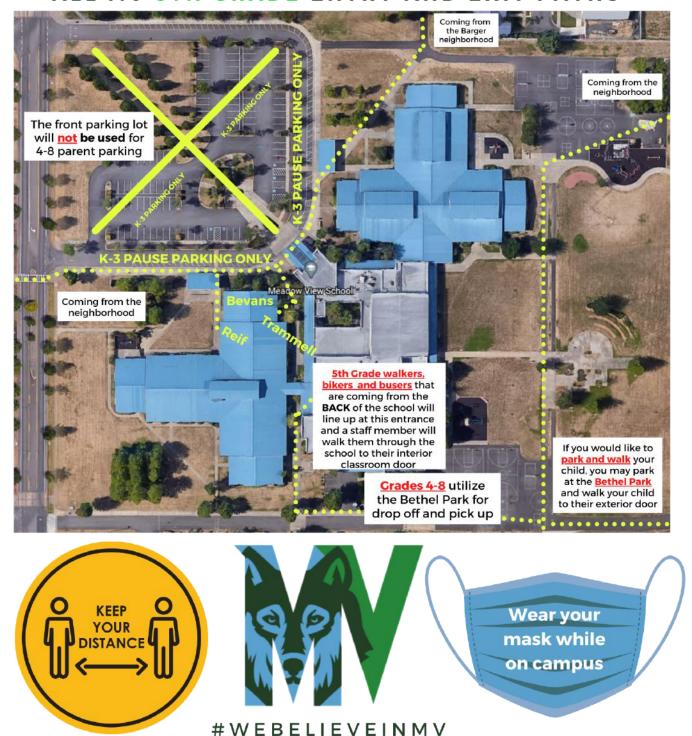


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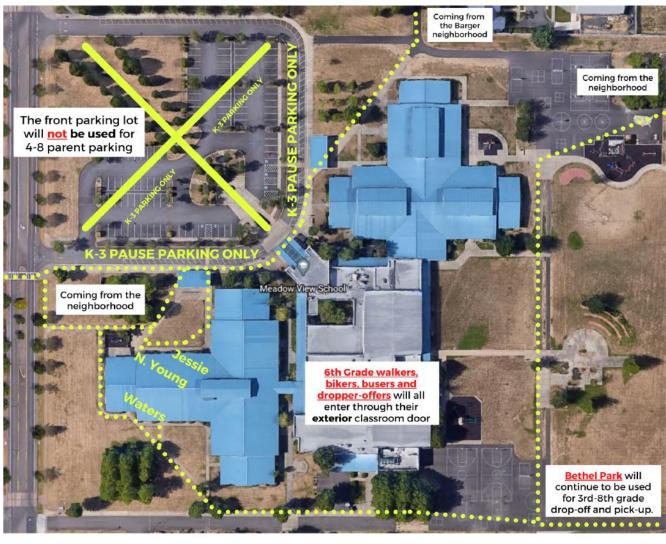




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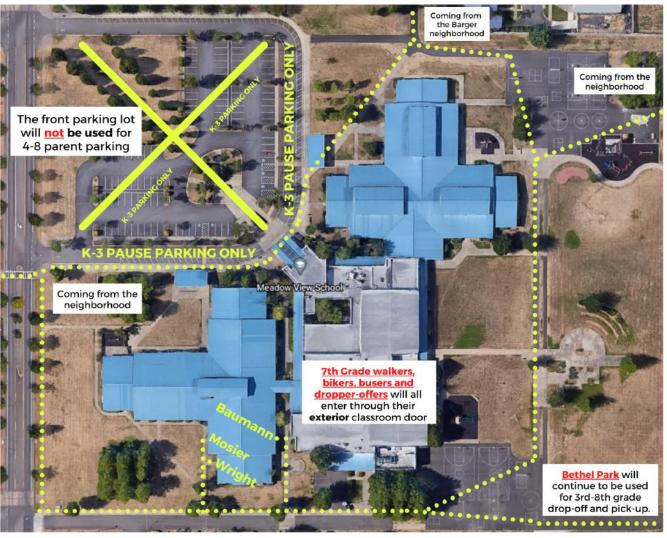


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