**Nelson Rural School**

**Covid-19 Operational Plan Communications**

**September 2020**

* All students will need to have their own water bottle for at-school use.
* All students in grades K-5 are encouraged to have a mask and all students in grades 6-8 must have a mask at school to be used when they are outside their classroom bubble when physical distancing might be questionable (to and from bus, transitions to and from communal areas such as cafeteria, recess, switching classes, wash room). We will be operating using strict physical distancing protocols when outside classroom bubbles, however we want to limit the chance of transmission and masks will help us do so.
* No parents will be permitted to enter the building at any time. For early pick-up, drop-off items, emergency, or appointments parents are asked to call the office (627-4074) and follow administration directions.
* Cafeteria service will be provided under our NEW SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE and lunch can be purchased daily. Microwave use will be limited so students are encouraged to bring a no-heat lunch if they choose not to buy.
* Drop off and pick-up times will remain the same this year. No student is to be dropped off prior to 7:45am. Pick-up time will be 2:00 for K-2, and 3:00 for 3-8. Please note: At the K-5 level, busses will be dismissed at the end of the day before students being picked up will be escorted to waiting area on front sidewalk. Parents are not to enter the building or congregate in the front entrance of the school, simply wait in your vehicle until the busses are gone and your child(ren) will be escorted to the front sidewalk at which point you can pull up your vehicle (or walk up to meet them).
* All visitors must wear a mask at all times.
* No student phone use. In case of an emergency or illness, administration or teaching staff will call.
* More than ever it is important the school has daily emergency contact information. Please make sure this is up to date in case pick-up is required.
* Even though there will be plenty of sanitizing stations made available throughout the school, hand sanitizer for personal use (in lunch bag perhaps) is a good idea and recommended.

**Nelson Rural School START-UP 2020-2021**

We will have staggered entry this year to help us facilitate and deliver our operational plan to students and staff. This is part of our training model.

First days will be as follows:

Students in grades 2, 4, 6, 8, are to report to school for their first day on Tuesday, September 8th. This will also include the first half of our kindergarten students previously scheduled to attend on this day. **\*Please note:** This group of students will stay home on Wednesday, Sept. 9th.

Students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7 are to report to school for their first day on Wednesday, September 9th. This will also include the second half of our kindergarten students previously scheduled to attend on this day.

**\*Please note:** if your child is in a split class, they will attend on the day specified by their grade level.

All students will return to school full-time on Thursday, September 11th.

Upon arrival, all students in grades 1-5 (preferably wearing a mask) will report directly to their homeroom classroom with their belongings. Students in grades 6-8, will enter the building wearing a mask and proceed directly to their homeroom class with their belongings. Kindergarten students will be met by their teacher or administration in the lobby and escorted to their classroom.

Kindergarten parents: We know this might be an anxious time for new parents dropping their little ones off for the first time. It is not ideal, but we must adhere to strict policy on no parent entry into the building or congregation in our entryway. If you feel your child may need extra transition time in their first few days, please call the school 627-4074 the week prior to school starting to discuss this with administration.

**\*Please note:** We will have staff available to take lots of pictures of our Kindergarten students on their first day which will be shared with you.