

February 26, 2021

Dear Banks School District Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is well. We continue to plan for our reopening and we are very excited to get students back on campus. Our staff has been working extremely hard to get everything in place as we approach our opening dates. I apologize for the amount of information, but please take a few minutes to read this as it is very important to our reopening.

Important Dates

March 8 th –	Half-day hybrid opening for K-2
March 15 th –	Half-day hybrid opening for 3-5
March 15 th Week –	Middle School / High School Orientation (Info to come from school)
March 29 th –	Full-day hybrid opening for K-12

****You should be receiving information from each school on safety protocols, hybrid assignments, CDL assignments, transportation, etc. If you have specific questions, please email your child’s principal or secretary.**

Transportation

Transportation is working on the times of pickup and drop off for students who will be riding the bus. They will be contacting the families who completed the survey and the students on the transportation list. If you did not return the survey, the buses will not be making stops that we haven’t heard from. If you did not do the survey and transportation of your child is needed and/or you have questions about bussing, please contact Mid-Co at 503-324-2736.

Travel Advisory

Recently the Governor updated the travel advisory as we approach spring break. You can find that travel advisory at this link.

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2351r.pdf>

****The Banks School District is asking people to consider quarantining, but is not required. The District will not be keeping track of travel plans. It is up to each person and family to decide. If students choose to quarantine, instructional materials will be provided while out of school. Please take the time to read the Travel Recommendations as definitions of “Essential Travel” has been added to the guidance.**

Food Service

In-Person Learning Meals Option -- With the transition to Hybrid education comes meal service transition as well. Students who return to in-person will be able to eat lunch on-site (except on half-days March 8th - March 19th) on their days in the buildings. They will also have the option to take home meals, including breakfast, at the end of the day to cover the days they are not in the buildings. At the elementary and middle school, take-home meals will be delivered to your student's homeroom at the end of the day for all students who have signed up for meals. High

school students will have the option to pick-up their meals at dismissal time on the way out of the building, if they have pre-ordered. If your child will be returning to the building and you would like them sent home with meals to cover days they will be at home, please fill out this order form.

If you decide that you would like for your child to receive meals for the days off-site during a week, surveys are due Monday at 1 p.m. of that week.

<https://forms.gle/Nhd15cNZVNwDZmtaA>

CDL Learning Meals Option -- If your child will not be returning to the buildings for school, or if they have non-school age siblings / children under 18 who don't attend BSD, you can order a 5-Day meal kit to be picked up every Monday, beginning 3/8/2021. These meals are only for students who are not in the buildings at any time and cannot be ordered in conjunction with school / take-home meals. . Meal kits can be picked up from Banks Elementary School, Buxton Bus Stop, or Timber Bus Stop (Times to be determined based on sign-up).

If you would like to receive a 5 Day Meal Kit, please fill out this order form no later than Monday at 1 p.m. PRIOR to your pick-up Monday. For this first week, it is a quick turn-around on registering this first week.

<https://forms.gle/NKovGXi75wd3CBht5>

****Free meals for all students and children under 18 who do not attend Banks has been extended until the end of the school year.**

If you have questions about food service, please call 503-359-8110 ext. 4524 or email our Food Services Director Laycee Pickerill at laycee.pickerill@sodexo.com.

School Testing Program

Part of the requirements for us to open in-person learning is to have a COVID rapid-testing program in place throughout the district. You should be receiving that information from your child's school. Testing takes place when students or staff show symptoms after arriving at school, not when they arrive. The purpose of the program is to potentially shorten quarantine time for people in that cohort. Testing will not be performed on students without a consent form from parents. That form should be included in school information that is being sent out.

Safety Protocols

In your school packets, there will be a lot of information on safety protocols, requirements of face coverings, and other items that will keep our schools safe. It is important that self-screening of students takes place at home prior to attending school. If your child is showing any symptoms, it is important to not attend school that day and continue to monitor. In order to stay open, we need to have very minimal COVID cases in our schools. We are all in this together and we all need to do our part to stay open. There will be a COVID Symptoms sheet in

your school information. Please take the time to look over the document. Also, we have created a Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) weblink on our district website that covers a lot of the safety protocols. Please review these and also pay extra attention to the Stay Home SOP that includes how to self-screen your child each morning before attending school. You can find that link here. <https://www.banks.k12.or.us/covidsafety.html>

Thank you

I would again like to thank you for your patience and understanding for this school year. It has been a challenging time for all of our students, parents, staff, and community. There is light at the end of the tunnel as case numbers drop and vaccinations become available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or your child's school. I know a lot of information is going out to you from the schools. I would encourage you to read through the documents to ensure that we have a safe and successful opening. We are all in this together and we can all do our part to keep our schools open.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leo
Superintendent
Banks School District