

Email sent to families on March 13, 2021

Dear Mesa Verde Parents:

The PUSD Board of Education, working with the CDPH "Safe for Schools," approved PUSD secondary schools to reopen one day per week for students who selected on-campus learning.

You are receiving this email because our database shows that you chose in-person learning for your child.

There are lots of details below, but the short summary is that beginning the week of March 15 your child can attend one day per week until further notice.

- Monday, March 15 sixth graders with last name *A-L
- Tuesday, March 16 seventh and eighth graders with last name *A-L
- Wednesday, March 17 sixth graders with last name *M-Z
- Thursday, March 18 seventh and eighth graders with last name *M-Z

**For those who were approved to attend a cohort group other than the original alpha-split, please come with the cohort group you were moved to. That is your group.*

School starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 2:05. Buses leave at 2:45.

If you haven't turned in your Health and Safety Agreement for in-person instruction (attached) yet, send with your child to turn in at the gate. They will not be allowed to attend on-campus learning without the waiver.

To keep class sizes small in order to allow for maximum distancing between students, this TEMPORARY one-day-a-week will stay in place until the County moves from the purple tier to the red tier, and which point we will notify you that we can expand to the original two-days per week.

DETAILS BELOW (Similar information to that sent on March 7):

SIXTH GRADE Last name A-L will come on Mondays; last name M-Z attends Wednesdays.

SEVENTH and EIGHTH GRADE Last name A-L will come on Tuesdays; last name M-Z attends Thursdays.

- Some have asked for different days and those requests were approved on a case-by-case basis since December and you would have been notified if denied or approved.
- We cannot take any more requests for day changes at this point.

Until further notice, this is the temporary one-day-a-week schedule for all students selecting to return to on-campus learning:

Mesa Verde Middle School

Monday March 15	Tuesday March 16	Wednesday March 17	Thursday March 18
6th Grade M/Tu Cohort (last names A-L)	7-8 Grade M/Tu Cohort (last names A-L)	6th Grade W/Th Cohort (last names M-Z)	7-8 Grade W/Th Cohort (last names M-Z)

What does this mean for our students who will attend in-person learning?

- If your child is a Monday-Tuesday group (last name *A-L) - sixth graders come only Monday, March 15 and seventh/eighth graders come only Tuesday, March 16.
- If your child is a Wednesday-Thursday group (last name *M-Z) - sixth graders come only Wednesday, March 17 and seventh/eighth graders come only Thursday, March 18.

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The school day begins at 8:30 AM, Monday-Thursdays.

- Because it will take us time to streamline doing symptom checks on the students before they enter campus, **please plan to arrive to school by 8:15 at the latest for the first couple weeks.**
- Students may come as early as 7:40 if that helps! Those who come before 8:00 will be screened and then can wait in the cafeteria until we allow students to enter the village areas.
- We will have paper schedules for the students on their first day back so they have the room numbers of their different classes.
- There is not an ASES before-school program, so 7:40 is the earliest arrival time.
- Masks are mandatory! If a student does not follow the mask rules, they will not be able to attend on-campus learning. We will have designated mask break areas and times directed/approved by teachers and staff. Students will be allowed to remove mask to eat lunch.
- There will be two screening stations: one at the main gate near the office and the other on the west side off the sixth grade parking lot.
 - The south gate into school will not be open. Students must come around to the front of the school to enter in the morning. They may exit the south gate in the afternoon.

Physical Education – the locker rooms will not be used so students need to come to school on the day they have PE wearing comfortable clothing in which to exercise. They do not need to wear MVMS PE uniform.

- We recommend a second mask on those days.
- Students should also always bring a water bottle to campus as the drinking fountains are closed. They will be able to refill at one of the two refilling stations or from a sink.

The school day ends at 2:05. Students who do not ride the bus leave campus at that time. The library will be open to a max of 25 students until 2:30.

- **Students do not stay on campus for Office Hours (2:05-3:00)** as teachers will be supporting the virtual students during that time. If an in-person student wants to access Office Hours virtually, that is fine.
- **Buses will run the week of March 15.**
 - For those who ride the bus, the buses won't depart MVMS until 2:45. Students will be supervised in the cafeteria area and may Zoom into Office Hours as they wait.

During the day the students will use their PUSD Chromebooks – both in classrooms with their teachers and if they need to zoom with a virtual teacher.

- Students need to bring their PUSD Chromebook every school day fully charged. They may wish to bring their charging cord in their backpack just in case.
- **For those who haven't yet checked out a PUSD Chromebook, they will go to the library before school on their first day on campus to get one.**

- Students may not use other devices such as a person laptop or iPad because we have found that the network does not play nicely with the personal devices and our IT staff cannot support personal devices. Additionally, it is not recommended to bring expensive personal property to school due to risk of loss or damage.
- Cell phones must be off and put away during the school day, including lunch.
- Students need to bring their textbooks to campus with them on the days they have those classes. There will not be extras available for use.

Lunch will be from 11:15-11:50. Students may bring a sack lunch or access the free lunch that is available to all students through June.

Videos with details of being on campus and introducing the office team and campus supervisors are available for all students to watch before attending their first day.

- The links are right off the MVMS website in addition to other information related to reopening.
- We will send a link right to the students through their Canvas email system.

Details of students attending on-campus have been shared at multiple parent forums. The reopening plan and copies of reopening presentations are on the homepage of the MVMS website.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. We are excited to reopen to students and want to make sure you have the details that you need.

Sincerely,

Christine Donnelly

Mesa Verde Middle School Principal