

**March 7, 2021 Email sent to parents of students who are marked to return to campus when we are given approval by the state to reopen.**

Dear Parents:

We continue to prepare to reopen on March 15 for in-person instruction as we wait for final approval from the state. [update March 9 – waiver denied by state, so information sent from Superintendent to families that we are waiting to see how the county colored tier system will allow us to reopen. March 15<sup>th</sup> date is postponed)

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

To keep class sizes small in order to allow for maximum distancing between students, those who chose in-person will attend two days per week. Monday and Tuesday **OR** Wednesday and Thursday.

**Last name A-L will come on Mondays and Tuesdays; last name M-Z attends Wednesdays and 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 because we need time to work with our current rosters to prep for the 15<sup>th</sup> (delayed for now).

**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.

**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.**

- 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.
- For those who ride the bus, the busses won't arrive 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 personal 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.

**Welcome and on-campus orientation for sixth graders is March 12.**

- A separate email with more details will be sent this week, but students attend as a group based on their Monday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Thursday assignment.
  - **Monday-Tuesday students attend at 8:50 – 10:00 AM**
  - Wednesday-Thursday students attend at 10:20 – 11:30 AM
- While it isn't mandatory to attend, it will be a fun introduction to the campus and a chance to meet some peers before attending the first day!
- Students may be driven or walk/bike to campus on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents do not attend with their child.

**Details of students attending on-campus have been shared at multiple parent forums.** The reopening plan is on the homepage of the MVMS website. **If you have additional questions, we will do another open parent forum on Zoom on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00 PM.**

Topic: Reopening March Parent Forum

Time: Mar 10, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://powayusd.zoom.us/j/91814527764?pwd=eVdOTHZnY1NwSkV2YUN1bTJjVDNIQT09>

Meeting ID: 918 1452 7764

Passcode: Eagles

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,

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