

Call Out Sunday, Sept 27, 2020

Hello Pomerado Families! This is Mrs. Crow with the news you need to know. We'll start with information that applies to all Wildcats, and then shift over to details parents of on-campus students will need as we approach our Oct. 1 reopening day!

School Site Council:

Thanks again to the parents who volunteered to be on our SSC ballot. I'm happy to announce that Alysha Aganon, Lisa Caparatta, and Sarah Rieth will be joining our Site Council group. They will be working with current parents members Jill Waite and Todd Velazquez, along with staff members Michelle Bulda, Dolores Vallejo, Alison Thompson and myself. We are still finalizing our last teacher representative.

Meal Distribution:

With some students returning to campus, curbside pickup of meals is no longer sustainable here. On-campus students will free receive breakfast and lunch meals in grab and go bags to take home each day. Free meals are also still available for our VLA and Home School students. We encourage you to take advantage of curbside pickup at Meadowbrook Middle School just up the street. If a family cannot get to Meadowbrook, please contact the office and we will work with you.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications:

Although meals are free right now, we do not know how long this will last. Due to recent COVID-related job loss or change in income, you may now qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Meals. We are encouraging ALL families who think they might qualify to [apply here right away](#). The application is confidential and secure, and is good for the entire school year.

Not only is this a way to help your family, you are also helping Pomerado. The amount of Title 1 money we receive is based on these applications. We use this money to fund important programs including academic interventions, a counselor 5 days a week, and technology pieces.

Fall Fundraiser

Our Virtual Fall Fundraiser starts October 5! Ordering will be done on line, with purchases delivered right to your home. More information will be posted and /or sent home soon!

Keep up to date with all the latest information on our **Pomerado Parent Facebook page:**

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Virtual Learners

I know our virtual learners will continue to do their best, and will be guided by their fantastic teachers who work tirelessly to support your children from a distance. I will still be checking in with these students, and can't wait to hear how they continue to shine. Wherever we are learning, we are all Wildcats making the family proud!

Reopening Details – Lots of important information here for On-Campus students!

We are excited to know we will be welcoming our on-campus students back this Thursday, October 1! Things will look a little different, but we are ready to go. You can find a good deal of information about reopening and safety measures in the district's School Reopening Guidebook

<https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Communications/2020/Reopening-Plan-Guidebook.pdf>

For more site specific pieces, please read through the following points so you know what to expect. A quick version of these points is attached.

- All parents must sign the PUSD Parent/Guardian Health and Safety Agreement. This was sent out by the district on Friday, but can also be found here: [SPANISH ENGLISH](#). Please send this signed agreement to school with your child on Thursday for students to drop in baskets in the classrooms. We will also have hard copies available Thursday during drop-off times, and/or we can send them home with students.
- AM session is 8:15-10:50, and we will start screening at 8:00. PM session is 11:50-2:25, and we will start screening at 11:35. An adult must wait with each child for screening; students cannot be dropped off. All students and adults should be wearing masks during arrival.
- Parents may walk their students to the Walker gate (front of school on the East side) or drive up to the upper lot. In both areas, students will be screened using 2 questions (Does your child have symptoms, and has your child or someone in the household been in close contact with a suspected or known COVID-19 patient) and temperatures will be checked. If either question is answered with a "Yes," or the student's temperature is 100 or over, the student must go home. Knowing that a student may be hot from walking or being in the car, adults may wait with students who have a temperature of 100 or over, and we will recheck temperatures after a few minutes.
- Students will use hand sanitizer, walk directly to class, and wait physically distanced for their teacher to open the classroom door. Staff will supervise hallways during this time. For the first week we will have extra staff on hand to help students find their rooms –especially our new students and TK/Kinder friends.
- Students will have a supervised mask break outside during the 2 hours and 35 minutes they are on campus. Knowing that some students (especially our younger ones) may struggle with wearing masks, we will work carefully with them and ensure they have quick breaks in the hallway as needed.
- In the classrooms, student work areas are physically distanced facing the whiteboard, and desk partitions will be used as much as possible. Students will have their own set of supplies, and teachers will review routines for moving about the room.
- Bathroom protocols will be in place to ensure only 2 students are in a bathroom at a time.
- Chromebooks will need to go back and forth each day and be charged at home. A reminder sheet with tips is attached. If your child has not already checked out a school device, we can still do this so that all schoolwork occurs on the same device and personal devices can stay home. If you would like to request a Chromebook, please email Alison Thompson at althompson@powayusd.com and she will work with you. We can have Chromebooks ready for your child on Oct. 1!
- Free bagged meals will be delivered to classrooms at the end of each session for students to take home. Teachers will get a count of how many students want meals to take home each day. Please work with your child so they know if they should raise their hand to request meals. This may take a few days to work smoothly, so don't be surprised if your child unexpectedly brings home a meal or two!
- Classrooms, bathrooms, and high touch points will be cleaned and sanitized during the one hour between sessions.
- At dismissal time, students who walk home will go to the Walker Gate (front of the school on the East side). Staff will be supervising to ensure physical distancing. The rest of the students (grades TK-5) will walk with their teacher to ESS (AM students), or to the upper

parking lot. Students will line up by class on the field by the lot and wait to be called to their car.

- Parents of preschool students – teachers will be in touch with specific information for your children.
- Students riding buses will be dropped off and picked up out front and will be met by staff or walk to class.

The safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance. We know you will join us in this effort by following the protocols outlined in the Health and Safety agreement and working with your child at home to help them understand expectations. Please check out the attached information compiled by our counselor to help children understand new safety precautions.

I know this is a lot and you may have further questions. **I will be hosting a parent meeting on Tuesday at 4:30 to answer any questions you may have.** You can access a form at <https://forms.gle/m4HbvurcANLBPyqQ6> to send me your questions to help ensure I have the answers. I will not be doing a presentation at this meeting, but will do my best to answer questions and/or clarify information. I will send the Zoom link for this meeting at 3:30 on Tuesday.

Whew – thanks for your diligence in reading all of this! I know that as always, we will work together to support our Wildcats in a safe and joyful first day back. I am so looking forward to seeing our Wildcats back in classrooms!