

Coffee with the Principal

February 24, 2021

TOPICS for this evening

1. **Registering for electives for next year** – what types of electives do we offer and what the process looks like. Also, we can give some brief info for parents of eighth graders on how it works at high school.
2. **Social-emotional support** – what our campus is doing currently, and some ideas from our counselors on how parents can help their children during virtual learning.
3. **Reopening MVMS** – as we wait for our waiver to the state to be approved, you may have some questions about what the on-campus experience will be.

Keep in mind that an open forum is not the place to discuss personal information about staff or students. Please contact me directly with any specific concerns.

Please turn on your camera if you are speaking – we want to see your face!

Registering for 2021-22 Electives

March is THE Month for Choosing Electives

- **Counselors will present to classes in mid March to explain the process of choosing electives.**
- **Those of you with incoming sixth graders, our sixth grade information night is March 23rd at 6:30.**
- **We are looking at our elective offerings to ensure a balance of student interests represented: Technology, Art, Music, Leadership, Foreign Language.**
 - **We are working with PUSD Career Technical Education department to access their expertise and training in creating electives and pathways.**
 - **Exploratory electives in 6-8 are meant to offer a sampling**

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- **While Band and Orchestra have been virtual for a year now, remember that those programs will resume in-person and offer great opportunity for students to learn perseverance and how to be part of a group working towards something bigger than the individual. Think of the movie “Mr. Holland’s Opus”**
- **AVID and 8th grade Yearbook at MVMS are unique in that they are blended into the Humanities courses so that students may keep their traditional elective.**
 - **Ms. McCoy is our AVID Coordinator.**



AVID Humanities
2021-2022



What is AVID Humanities?

- AVID is a class that helps students be more prepared for current classes and for college
- AVID helps with improving study skills and organization
- AVID is a close “family” of students who help and encourage each other to do better
- AVID builds confidence by helping students create and meet goals for school and for life
- Helps close the achievement gap in preparing all students for college readiness

NOT

- AVID is not an easier, less rigorous, or watered down course compared to other 7th and 8th grade humanities courses
- AVID is not for students who are struggling in their classes because of low effort or not doing homework consistently



Humanities & What we do

What do we do?

- TRF's- tutorial request form
- Binder checks- organization help
- Cornell notes- helping us take better notes and study tools
- Team building activities
- Field trips to colleges or college related activities
- University Research Projects
- Community service

AVID Humanities

- AVID Humanities is a 3 block class that is Language Arts, Social Studies and AVID built into one.
- Students take skills that they learn in AVID humanities & apply it to their other courses throughout the day
- Students enrolled in AVID will still be able to have an elective.



While Raising College Awareness

What to do next?

There is an online [AVID application via Google Form](#). It is due on Tuesday, March 9th.

[Full Presentation](#)

Please email aimccoy@powayusd.com with questions.

March is THE Month for 8th Graders Too!

Current 8th graders:

- High school counselors will do virtual presentations on March 19 to all 8th grades and record it.
- Best place for information is on the high school website.
- If waiting for an intradistrict transfer, you must still register at your assignment school.

Questions about Registration and/or Electives?

Social-Emotional Support

Supports Offered at MVMS...

1. Wellness Wednesdays
2. Friday Lunch Bunch and other clubs
3. Weekly SEL activities for students (sent via Canvas and Eagle News)
4. Individual check-ins with a School Counselor via Zoom or in person
5. Provide community resources and referrals

Suggestions for Parents on How to Support at Home

**Questions or Ideas about
Social-Emotional Support?**

Reopening MVMS

Students first time on campus

- ASB and Administration are working on campus orientation for 6th grade students with a tour.
 - We are planning to do it on an asynchronous Friday, March 12th
- There will be lots of signage and people to help all students on their first day on campus, including copy of schedule with room numbers.
- For our 7th and 8th graders who are new to MVMS this year, we are planning something for after school one day during the week of March 8th.
 - This summer, we will have a 7-8th graders new to campus orientation in addition to our traditional incoming 6th grade event.

Informative Videos

We are making a series of short videos for students to watch before they return:

- How to come into campus - screening stations. Back gate will be locked - all students through the front gates.
- PE - the facilities, coming in clothes to exercise, how to line up, expectations, etc.
- Lunch time - where to line up, rules, meet the team, what to do when done eating. (No cell phone policy in effect)
- Meet the admin team and some basic rules
- Counselors - the Eagle Center and how to meet with a counselor
- Front office - reasons to go to the office, who to see, getting checked out early/arriving late

Q: What does lunch look like?

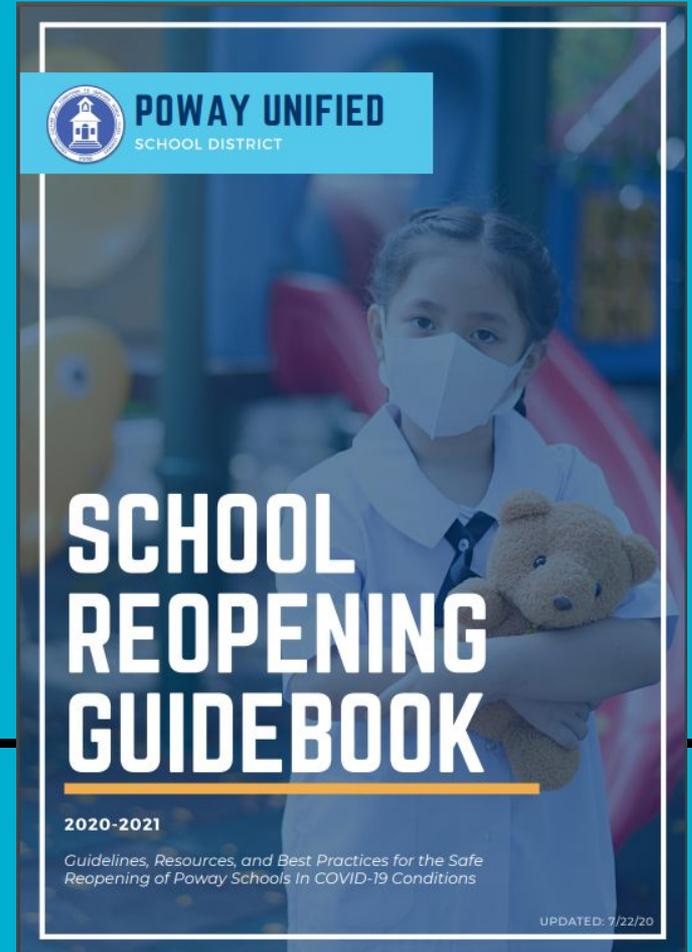
A: There will be one lunch to prevent crossover. Seating will be arranged to spread students out throughout a designated areas where campus supervisors can monitor. Lunch is also free through June! We are considering a variety of safe activities and will set up a secondary library in the Little Theater to allow students space to read or do school work.

Q: Do on-campus students attend office hours in person?

A: Office hours will be virtual for the students who are in VLA and those who were virtual that day. If a student gets home in time to access virtually, they may do so. Students on campus who are waiting for their bus will have time to access office hours if needed.

Poway Unified School Reopening Guidebook:

- Provides crucial guidelines from PUSD.
- Contains information about safety, cleaning, PPE, virtual schedules, buses, and more.



How about Physical Education?

- Students will not use the locker rooms due to spacing/ventilation. On PE day students will wear exercise apparel.
- Only two groups of in-person students would be on campus on any given day, so between the space in the gym and the field, we can maximize distancing.
 - Rainy days we have the gym and fitness lab.
- Disinfect equipment and avoid shared equipment sports/activities
- Masks required
- Team of four PE teachers will coordinate closely to align lessons and allow for flexibility between teachers. Students will have their assigned teacher, but the teachers will be a team and work with different students. **We will divide the in-person and virtual students to streamline instruction.**

Questions and Answers

- This is the open opportunity to ask questions that are still lingering.
- Please type subject and then your question in chat. We will call on participants who are on Zoom to further clarify your question and/or to ask if we answered you.

Thank you!

- Your time and questions are appreciated and help guide our work.
- Think about volunteering! We will need more hands to help once we reopen. Confirm that you are cleared to volunteer by emailing Amanda Lane alane@powayusd in the office.