

Kneeland School Reopening Plan for Fall 2020

Kneeland Elementary School is committed to offering each child in grades Tk-8th a quality education founded on the values exemplified in rural schools: a close bond among staff, students, parents, and community; and an individualized program meeting the varying needs of the students. Kneeland Elementary School continues to provide an excellent educational opportunity which enables all students to achieve academic success and realize their full potential.

Due to COVID 19, Kneeland Elementary School will be taking the following precautions to keep our students, staff, and volunteers safe while still providing an individualized learning experience.

Kneeland School will reopen in the fall on August 31, 2020. School will be on-site and will be 5 days a week, 8:30 AM to 2:45 PM. Bus service will be provided to and from Freshwater School (or pre-arranged designated bus stop) in the mornings and afternoons.

Steps to be taken prior to reopening:

- Custodial and maintenance staff will install hand sanitizers at the doors of the classrooms.
- Custodial and maintenance staff will disinfect the whole school.
- Custodial and maintenance staff will install automatic soap dispensers at the sinks.
- Bus driver will disinfect the bus and will mark off seating arrangement to maintain safe social distancing of students on the bus.
- All staff will watch the mandated training videos regarding COVID 19.
- The school safety plan will be updated to include COVID 19 safety procedures.
- Cleaning wipes will be placed in each classroom in a secure area where children cannot readily access them, but adult staff can use them to disinfect surfaces as necessary.
- Desks will be placed 4'- 6' apart.
- Tables will be placed 3' apart with limited seating
- All staff will be trained on the proper use and handling of allowable disinfectants for school use.
- Procedures will be outlined in a document that will go home to parents informing them of requirements for their children to attend on-site school. These will include:
 - Students and staff are required to bring appropriate face coverings with them to school.
 - Temperatures will be taken every morning with a contactless thermometer by school staff and any student with a fever above 100.4°F will not be allowed at school until the fever is gone and there are no symptoms of illness.
 - Students cannot be dropped off at school or to the bus stop without a parent/guardian or other responsible party present in case the child cannot attend school that day.
 - Students must arrive at school showing good hygiene and washed faces.
 - Students are required to come to school with re-fillable water bottles.

While school is in session:

Morning Procedures:

- Students' temperatures will be taken at each bus stop prior to students boarding the bus. The bus driver will be equipped with a contactless thermometer. If a child has a temperature above 100.4°F, or if a child has symptoms of illness, the child will not be permitted to board the bus.
- For students being dropped off at school, a staff member will take the child's temperature with a contactless thermometer prior to the student entering the building. Any child with a fever of 100.4°F or higher or with any symptoms of illness will not be permitted to attend school that day.
- While on the bus, students from the same household will be asked to sit together.
- Students will be staggered in a zig zag pattern on the school bus to maintain social distancing.
- The school bus will be disinfected after the morning and afternoon run.

School Day Procedures

- Students and staff are required to bring appropriate face coverings to school with them.
- Staff will educate the students on proper hand washing techniques and safe social distancing. Hand washing will occur prior to school starting, after each break/recess and at the end of the school day.
- If a student shows signs of illness during the course of the day, staff will take their temperature and isolate them from the student body.
- Parents will be required to pick up their child as early as possible after they have been notified that they have recorded a temperature or show symptoms of illness.
- Students will be educated and/or trained on the importance of social distancing. Activities will be provided to ensure students understand what 6 ft looks like.
- Students will be required to wash or sanitize their hands prior to entering the classroom.
- If students need to use the restroom, they may only do so one person at a time.
- Restrooms will be cleaned by custodial and maintenance staff throughout the day, after school, and on weekends as needed.
- Playground and playground equipment will be available for student use during recess, before and after school. Playground equipment will be disinfected as necessary.
- Students will be required to bring a filled, reusable water bottle. The drinking fountain will not be permitted.
- Each student will be supplied their own set of classroom materials (markers, crayons, pencils, etc.) and there will be no sharing of supplies permitted. If a student is lacking an item, a replacement will be provided.
- Upper grade students will be assigned a Chromebook and that device will be disinfected as necessary.
- High use surfaces will be disinfected by staff throughout the day.

- Communal items such as library books will be appropriately disinfected before they are returned to their places.
- The school will be disinfected nightly. (except on weekends unless needed)

Families with students attending Kneeland Elementary School who are not comfortable returning to on-site learning and who wish to continue distance learning may register for a distance learning or blended learning option.

Kneeland Elementary School is dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience for our TK thru 8th grade students. Kneeland Elementary School continues to promote academic rigor, foster an environment where students are engaged in learning, work in close partnership with families and community and provide a safe and welcoming environment while ensuring that emotional and social needs are met.