



Unatego Elementary School

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MEMO

TO: Elementary Parents and Guardians
FROM: Mike Snider, Principal
DATE: March 5, 2021
RE: Elementary School – Students returning to school four days per week

On Tuesday, March 2nd, I sent out a School Messenger phone call and email letting you know that the Unatego Elementary School plans to transition to in-person instruction four days per week for students. We are excited to make this transition to more frequent in-person instruction.

I want to provide you with some additional information about the Elementary School's plan. This letter provides you with an overview and some details. More information will be forthcoming once we finalize our classroom rosters.

1. Start date – Tuesday, March 30, 2021

We will no longer run the hybrid schedule as of Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

Here is the schedule for March and April. Students will attend school Tuesday through Friday each week, unless we have a holiday or school closing.

- March 30, March 31, and April 1 – All students attend.
- April 2 – GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
- April 5 – 9 – April Break – NO SCHOOL
- April 13 – 16 – All students attend.
- April 20 – 23 – All students attend
- April 27 – 30 – All students attend

We will continue with this four-day-per-week schedule for the remainder of the school year.

2. Mondays

Students will work from home on Mondays each week. Teachers will provide remote learning assignments for students each Monday. Faculty and staff will work out schedules to provide students with extra help on Mondays, which may include ZOOM videoconferencing, Seesaw lessons, or Google Classroom lessons.

3. Social Distancing and Classrooms

We are adding one classroom section to each grade level. This allows us to maintain social distancing within the classroom (student desks and chairs spaced apart) and reduce the number of students in each classroom.

Kindergarten through Second Grade

Our Academic Intervention Teachers will be taking a class at each grade level.

- Mrs. Modinger will teach the additional kindergarten class.
- Mr. Halbert will teach the additional first grade class.
- Mrs. Creveling will teach the additional second grade class.

Third Grade through Fifth Grade

A Licensed Teaching Assistant (LTA) will supervise a fourth classroom where students will receive extra help (one-on-one and small group) and work on classroom assignments. We are currently working on the daily schedule that will accommodate this extra classroom block.

- Mrs. Simmons – 3rd grade
- Mrs. Dalton – 4th grade
- Mrs. Sutton – 5th grade



4. Assigning students to teachers

In order to provide for appropriate social distancing in each classroom, we will need to reassign some students to a different teacher in grades K – 2, since we will now have four (4) sections instead of three for Kindergarten and First Grade, and three (3) sections instead of two for Second Grade. I will be meeting with the grade level teams to make these decisions. Once we have reorganized each grade level, we will be sending you some additional information.

For grades 3-5, students will continue to see their three teachers (ELA, Math, and Science/Social Studies) but we will be splitting out students so that we have four (4) homerooms instead of three. I will be meeting with the grade level teams to make these decisions. Once we have reorganized each grade level homeroom, we will be sending you some additional information. This means that students will rotate among ELA, Math, Science/Social Studies, and the fourth block (with the LTA) that provides academic intervention, extra help, and time to complete assignments.

5. COVID-19 mitigation rules

We are not changing any of our guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation. All students, faculty, and staff wear masks throughout the day, unless they are taking a mask break or when everyone is seated. Teachers will continue to provide guidance to students about our COVID-19 mitigation rules as they pertain to individual classrooms. Please see our district plan for more details. The plan is posted on the district's web site.

6. Cafeteria

We will use a combination of the cafeteria and classrooms for lunch each day. We will maintain social distancing during lunch.

7. Busing

Bus routes may be adjusted once we return to four days per week instruction. We will be in touch if your child's bus changes.

8. Specials and Physical Education

Students will continue to have a Specials class (Art, Computer, Library, Music) and PE each day.

I am excited about this upcoming change to four days per week of in-person instruction. Please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Snider