

# WHAT WILL MY CHILD'S RETURN TO SCHOOL LOOK LIKE AT WALT DISNEY ELEMENTARY?

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### How will the start of the day look?

- Students will enter the building and “stop and squirt!” We want to start the day with hand sanitizer before breakfast!
- Students will enter the breakfast line and have a seat at a table. We have green dots on the tables where students can sit. Typically we could seat 16 students at a lunch table and we now seat 6!
- After breakfast, students will walk to their classrooms to do welcome activities. If your child does not eat breakfast, they will go straight to their classroom.
- The building will not open until 7:30 am daily. We must ensure that we have appropriate student supervision as students arrive.

### Will my child be able to ride the school bus?

- **Yes!** Students will have assigned seats on the bus. It will be mandatory for parents to select a consistent location for morning and afternoon transportation pick-up and drop-off locations. Last minute changes could be difficult to accommodate.
- As much as possible, students will be seated with space between riders. Family members will have assigned seats together. If a parent would like for their child to wear a mask on the bus, we will have them available on each bus.

### Will my child have art, music, physical education and other resource classes?

- **Yes!** It's important for students to have access to fine arts and physical education. Class activities and routines may be a little different, but we will follow a regular schedule of resource classes daily.
- As students move from one classroom to another, teachers will sanitize equipment, tables, etc. between each class.

### Will students still receive Tiger Time intervention services?

- **Yes!** We believe the benefit of small group reading and math has been very beneficial to student growth and we're able to reach students at their academic level.
- Classrooms will be sanitized often and between different groups of students.

### Will we still have class parties for birthdays and holidays?

- **Yes!** Classroom teachers will host holiday parties with the help of our resource teachers as well. To start the year, we will not allow parents to attend class parties. We will have a sign-up to invite parents to send prepackaged treats and items for classroom games.
- Birthday treats will be allowed and must be prepackaged. Parents will not be allowed to visit classrooms to disseminate birthday treats.

### How will teachers manage student supplies within the classroom?

- Each student will have their own “art box” in the classroom with pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, etc. When they go to art or another class that requires these materials, they will take their personal art box with them.

### Will my child eat lunch in the classroom or lunchroom?

- Students will eat in the lunchroom! We feel time out of the classroom and in a structured social environment is very important for our students. We will maintain social distancing and add lunchroom tables to accommodate this new set up.
- Students will be seated at a green dot as they are at breakfast. We plan to serve meals on regular trays and add extra time for sanitizing between classes.
- If your child brings a lunch from home, they will need to have food preheated in a thermos or bring cold items. Microwaves will not be available in the cafeteria.

**Will temperature checks be taken every morning when children arrive at school?**

- **No!** After considering recommendations from state and county health officials, we have been told that an elevated temperature is not always the best indicator of screening students for CO-VID symptoms.
- Students will be sent immediately to the nurse for assessment if any symptoms are observed or reported.
- Parents should screen their child daily before they come to school for symptoms such as fever, chills, new cough, shortness of breath, new sore throat, new muscle aches, new headache, new loss of smell or taste.

**Will my child still be able to go to the playground for recess and spend time outside?**

- **Yes!** Students will go to recess with their grade level and have social time with friends. Teachers will review good social distancing play practices with students at the beginning of the school year.
- Students will use hand sanitizer prior to going to the playground and will wash hands when returning to the classroom.
- As recommended by the health department, the playground will be sanitized each evening so that it can air dry and be ready for the next day!

**Will my child go on field trips as a grade level as they have in the past?**

- **No.** We have given this a lot of thought and consideration and realize this is probably not a popular decision. At this time we feel that it is best to minimize student exposure to areas outside of our community.
- Our administrative team will monitor health risks and recommendations. If we feel it is safe for field trips to be allowed, we may be able to loosen this restriction. Parents will have the option to choose if their child attends the field trip.

**What about perfect attendance incentives?**

- Based on recommendation from the state and local officials, we will NOT have perfect attendance incentives for the regular school year.

**Will there be a traditional “Open House” night?**

- **No.** We are in the planning stages of revamping our open house tradition to allow students and parents the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom prior the start of school. We will also offer training to parents on components for virtual education in the event of another school closure.

**Will the Early Learning Center (ELC) be available for my child for care before and after school?**

- **Yes and No.** The ELC will only be available for K-5 elementary students to attend before and/or after school if they have a younger sibling attending on a regular “all-day” schedule.
- Students without a sibling attending the ELC will not be able to go to the ELC for before and/or after school care. At this time, this change is only being implemented for the 2020-21 school year.