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Back-To-School 2020-21

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Pictured L-R: Asst. Principal, Jamie Otto, Asst. Principal, Robin Cate; Principal, Allison Lewallen; Asst. Principal Alex Sanchez

Message From Mrs. Lewallen, School Principal:

Welcome Trailblazers, We are excited to begin the 2020-2021 school year! This school year will offer a unique set of opportunities for us to grow together as a Trailblazer family. Whether you chose face-to-face or virtual instruction, we are committed to offering our best to each student. We wanted to take a second to provide information on the safety procedures we have in place when you return to campus. Soon we will send out our Trailblazer Essentials for face-to-face and virtual instruction and additional resources to prepare students and parents for the start of school. We look forward to an amazing school year!

WHAT IS MMS DOING TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?

BEFORE SCHOOL

Let's work together to minimize the risk of returning to school by following a 14-day increased practice of social distancing before August 10th. Ideas based on CDC guidelines:

- Limit exposure to non-family members
- Avoid large crowds or gatherings
- Limit unnecessary travel
- When unable to social distance, wear a mask per CDC recommendations

ENHANCED STAFF TRAINING

- With COVID-19 specific content
- Designated campus COVID 19 Point of Contact responsible for ensuring compliance of staff and students regarding new health and safety standards

HEIGHTENED HEALTH SCREENING

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STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

- Review the drop off map to enter through appropriate locations at or after 8:00 am based on breakfast preference
- Students not eating breakfast should consider a later arrival. School begins at 8:40am
- Parents will stay in cars for the entire drop off and pick up process
- Student self-screening daily
- Potential follow up assessment with a healthcare professional, if needed
- All staff will wear face masks around students/families during drop off and pick up

RESPONSE IN CASE OF ILLNESS

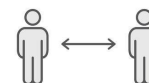
- Updated health center policies, procedures, and protocols with COVID-19 specific information
- Isolation and quarantine of students and/or employees with COVID-19 like symptoms. Individuals with symptoms will be isolated, assessed, and if appropriate, sent home
- Will coordinate with district health officials and notification will be completed by district procedures

As we plan for the upcoming year, MMS will commit to the following

1. The health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community is our top priority.
2. Every decision made will take into consideration the latest guidance and direction from local, state, and federal authorities on operational considerations during the school day.
3. Morris MS will provide the highest quality instruction to all students regardless of circumstances.
4. Morris MS will support the well-being of each student and every program.

DURING SCHOOL: STUDENT INTERACTION

- Student orientation providing information on COVID-19 and its impact on school.
- Morning self-assessment for all students and staff plus a daily "Are you feeling okay?" symptom check.
- Emphasis on handwashing with handwashing stations available throughout campus



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Organized student groups into "teams" (what the state is calling a "cohort")
- Adjusted transition and meal schedules based on teams
- Eliminating or modifying large group activities/programming

FACE COVERINGS

- Face coverings are encouraged to be worn when feasible by both staff and students (most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult)
- Information will be provided to staff, students, and families on proper use of face coverings.

BUILDING FACILITIES

- Routine cleaning and heightened disinfecting throughout the day
- More hand-washing and hand sanitizer stations
- Increased visitor restrictions
- Close communal use of shared spaces if possible; otherwise, stagger use and clean and disinfect between use.

