



David Douglas School District

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CHERRY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Preschool Families,

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We are excited to be welcoming our students to in-person preschool on April 5<sup>th</sup> or continue with CDL in the afternoon. Remember that our preschool attends four days a week (Monday-Thursday). This is different than our K-5 students who only come to in-person learning two days a week.

**Days of the Week:** Monday- Thursday

**In Person Instruction:**

AM Class 9:00am-11:30am

PM Class 12:30pm-3:00pm

**CDL (Online Instruction):**

1:00-1:30 Circle Time/Whole Group Instruction

1:30-2:00 Snack Chat (M/W) or 1:1 Virtual Visits (T/Th)

2:00-2:30 Small Group Instruction

**Meals:**

- **Snack:** Your child will be eating a snack at preschool
- **Lunch/Dinner:** Your child will have the opportunity to bring home a sack lunch and dinner each day from school or you can pick up a lunch and dinner from school from 11:45-12:30 Monday-Friday.

**Backpack:** Please have your child bring a backpack every day to school so that we can put a backpack tag on it that shares important safety information.

**Bus:** There are a few of you who have chosen to send your child on the bus. If your student is coming to school in the morning, your bus route is attached. Please find the stop that is closest to your house. If your child is coming in the afternoon hang tight. We don't quite have the bus number for you in this moment. Your teachers will confirm information via email. Please be checking your email boxes in the next couple of days for confirmation.

**Wearing Masks:** There is not a requirement for our preschoolers to wear a mask however you may instruct your child to wear one. All our staff will be wearing a mask and we will make every attempt to follow your wishes of having your child wear a mask if that is what you choose.

**Entering the Building:** One of our requirements is that our students enter and exit through the same door. We are using the gate outside of our preschool playground at the North end of our school. If you are dropping off/picking up your child we are going to meet at the gate outside of the preschool playground. This will also help with keeping gatherings at a minimum. We ask that you wear a mask and keep six feet apart. Please **do not enter** the playground during this time or have your students run around and play. Please line up on the trail outside of the gate and wait for your child's teacher. The teachers will come and get your child when the time comes to bring them into the building.

If your child is riding the bus or being dropped off in the carpool lane, one of our staff members will get them directly from the bus and will bring them to the preschool classroom.

**Saying goodbye at the door:** You may want to start explaining to your child that you will say good-bye at the outside gate and that you won't be able to bring them to the classroom. I know that this may be a little difficult for your child (and or you) but we promise we will take such good care of them. Remember that your child will mirror your emotions so try to keep as positive as possible.

**Screening Your Child:** Before sending your child to Cherry Park, please use the “Can my child go to school today?” screener to make sure that it is safe for your child to come to school. Mrs. Barker will be sending you an electronic link. Please contact our Health Assistant (Mrs. Feytser) if you have any questions.

**COVID Exposure:** We know that this may be a worry for you. We have a whole plan that we will follow. If there is an exposure of Covid-19 we have multiple safety protocols that we will follow.

I am sure we will have a few bumps along the way as we are getting used to this new schedule and I will ask for your grace as we figure things out. I am so thrilled to get to see so many of our students next week. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out.

Warmly,

Kate Barker, Principal