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Lower Elementary Return to Learn Plan

OVERVIEW

As the new 2021-2022 school year approaches, Panama Lower Elementary will continue with guidelines to ensure the safety of our students and staff. This school year will look different than previous school years. Teachers will assist students with developing important hygiene habits and encouraging social awareness. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria with social distancing. We will still have PE, recess, and access to library books with safety precautions in place. Our staff will be continuously cleaning and sanitizing the campus throughout the day. Students are encouraged to bring their own bottle of water to use at our refilling station. Our main goal is to keep everyone safe and provide a great education to all students.

SCREENING AND VISITORS

Each day parents and staff should follow the health checklist that is on the district webpage and confirm students and staff DO NOT come to school sick. Parents will be notified if their child has been exposed to a person who tests positive for COVID-19. Students and staff who are exposed will be recommended to stay home for a period of seven (7) days if a negative result happens after day five (5) or a period of ten (10) days without symptoms if you choose not to test. Students or employees who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for ten (10) days. If symptoms persist, the person would need to stay home longer. An isolation room has been established if students develop symptoms during school. We will call parents/guardians immediately to have student picked up. We will continue to follow the district criteria to return to school. Temperatures will be taken at main entry points of the Lower Elementary. Visitors/Parents will be allowed in building lobbies or main office for scheduled appointments only. Our school building opens at 7:35 am and school begins at 7:55 am.

COMMUNICATION WITH ALL STAKE HOLDERS

If a positive case is verified, all necessary stake holders will be contacted and transition plans will be announced. The Leflore County Health Department will assist with contact tracing.

Distance Learning

All Distance Learning (DL) will be through Google Classroom (1st-3rd) and Seesaw (Pre-K and Kindergarten). Each student will know how to access and complete assignments through those platforms. Your child's teacher will communicate and deliver assignments through online applications if they are in quarantine. Please encourage your child to complete assigned work.

Virtual School

The elementary will not have this option available to students this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at dearltobey@panama.k12.ok.us or 918-963-0405.

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