

Lakehoma Elementary School

FAQs for the 2020-21 School Year

How will I find out who my child's teacher is?

We know how exciting it is to hear from your teacher!

- You will be notified via email or phone call prior to Open House.
- If you have not heard who your child's teacher is by Open House night, please contact the school office on that morning and that information will be provided for you!

What will Open House look like and will I get to meet my child's teacher?

Students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and drop off their school supplies. This is always an exciting time! Adult visitors will require a mask.

Super important: Parents will need to pick up their child's packet from their teacher. It will include:

- 1) rearview mirror dismissal tags that all families need even if students are not car riders. Tags **will** be used for Bronco Club or in case your child needs to be a car rider, etc. Every family will be assigned a number
- 2) a "first day of school" sticker. **Since parents are not allowed into school the first day, this sticker will help staff get each student to their classroom.** This sticker will have the student's name, grade, teacher, and how they are going home the first day of school
- 3) school forms and information

Open house will be at the following times based on last names:

12:00-12:45	A-D
12:45-1:15	All Call on Intercom, CLEAR AND SANITIZE BUILDING FOR NEXT GROUP
1:15-2:00	E-K
2:00-2:30	All Call on Intercom, CLEAR AND SANITIZE BUILDING FOR NEXT GROUP
2:30-3:15	L-Q
3:15-3:45	All Call on Intercom, CLEAR AND SANITIZE BUILDING FOR NEXT GROUP
3:45- 4:30	R-Z
4:30-5:00	All Call on Intercom, CLEAR AND SANITIZE BUILDING FOR NEXT GROUP
5:00-5:45	Make-ups (with teacher approval and appointment time)

*Please note that only one parent/guardian may come with the child and must wear a mask to enter the building. Please avoid bringing additional siblings. We are asking for all school supplies to be labeled with the child's first and last name, put in a bag with their name, and dropped off in their classroom.

What should we expect on the first day of school?

The district has determined that adult visitation will be extremely limited in order to minimize potential exposure to our students and staff members. Therefore, the first day of school will look different.

- **Family good-byes will need to be done outside. Students will then enter the building and go straight to their classroom.**
- **No visitors/parents will be able to walk their child to their classroom.**
- **There will be teachers and staff located all over the building to help students get to where they need to go.**
- **Students will need to be wearing their “first day of school sticker” that will be picked up at Open House.** This will help staff direct students to their classroom.

Are the students required to wear masks?

Per the Mustang Health/Safety Plan this will be the protocol for all elementary students: “Face masks/face-coverings for elementary students (**PreK-4th grade**) are **strongly recommended**. Masks/Face-coverings will be encouraged anytime social distancing is difficult to accomplish; therefore, all students are asked to have a mask available at all times. To the extent possible, schools will promote and reinforce the use of face-coverings for all students; however, masks will not be provided by the school.” Please make sure your child has a mask in their backpack or on them each day they come to school.

What are the school hours?

- Doors open at 7:15 am
- First bell rings at 7:30 am
- Students are tardy at 7:40 am
- School dismisses at 2:35 pm

Will all students still gather in the gym in the mornings?

No. We have divided the students into small groups by grade level to reduce the number of students together at one time.

Will my child be able to eat breakfast in the mornings?

Yes! Students will have a grab and go option to limit congestion in the cafeteria in the mornings. They will grab their breakfast and proceed to their morning meeting area or classroom.

Where will students go each morning when they report to the school?

Beginning TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th, the students will report to the following locations:

7:15 - 7:25am

- **Pre-K** will go upstairs and walk into their classrooms.
- **Kindergarten** will report to their hall upstairs and wait outside their classrooms.
- **First grade** will report to their hall downstairs and wait outside their classrooms.
- **Second grade** will report to the gym. They will sit with their class and each class will be spread out from others.
- **Third grade** will report to their hall and sit outside their classroom.
- **Fourth grade** will report to the cafeteria. Students will have supervision and will use social distancing as much as possible.

7:25 - 7:30am All students will proceed to their classrooms.

7:40am Students are counted tardy. Parents must wear a mask into the front office and check their child in at the kiosk if bringing their child at 7:40am or later.

May I come to have breakfast/lunch with my child?

Unfortunately, we aren't going to be able to have guests in the building at this time.

Lunch/Breakfast visitation will be strictly limited to meal drop off, if absolutely necessary.

May I volunteer at the school?

We value our volunteers and know how important they are to our school. At this time, volunteers will be extremely limited and must have building principal written approval prior to service.

What do I do if I need to check my student out from school?

Parents/Guardians may check their child out by following these procedures:

- Mask required
- Sign student out at the office by using the kiosk
- Must have valid ID
- Wait in designated area for student to come to you

Will there be any safety precautions in place in the cafeteria during lunch periods?

Students will eat in the cafeteria. Tables will be spread out as much as possible to allow for social distancing. Classes will be seated together but away from other classes in their grade level.

No parents/visitors during lunch.

What is the plan for recess?

Hand sanitizer will be used before and after recess. The playground will be divided into sections and each student group will be assigned a section on a rotational basis. Indoor recess will be held in the classrooms and the classroom parameters will be followed. Indoor recess will be held in the classrooms and the classroom parameters will be followed when weather or temperature dictates the need to stay indoors.

What will the procedure be for afternoon dismissal?

Students have been divided based on their grade level or dismissal type. This reduces the number of students in one location. Social distancing will be used as much as possible. We will be implementing our new dismissal program, SafeID Car Rider Plus. All students will have a numbered backpack tag to ensure student safety.

- Daycare
 - Students will be dismissed to their designated area.
- Bus
 - Students will dismiss at the front of the building and will be escorted to their bus.
- Bronco Club
 - Students will go to the cafeteria at their dismissal time.
- Walkers
 - Students will be dismissed to their waiting area and released after busses have exited the drive.
- Car Riders
 - Students will dismiss from their classrooms. This reduces the amount of students in each dismissal location. Pick up vehicles will have a hanging rear view mirror tag with numbers that match their students backpack tag. The hanging tag will be picked up at Open House and the backpack tags will be put on the first day of school. Students will go out to their car and will be checked off by our new system.

Will there be school-wide assemblies?

Yes, but in different ways! Assemblies are an important part of connecting or celebrating with our school family. At this time, assemblies and other school-wide gatherings will be scheduled or delivered in such a way to limit the size of groups to allow for as much social distancing as possible.

Will students still be using the water fountains at school?

Water fountains will be turned off. Bottle fillers will be on and available for hands free refilling of personal water bottles where available. Students are encouraged to have their own bottle and not share with others. It is important that students are able to open and close bottles securely by themselves. Additional guidance will come from your child's school.

Will there still be specials/library/GATE/Special Education Services?

Yes. These classes are very important for our students! Each student will sanitize their hands as they go in and out of these classrooms/areas. The teachers will be sanitizing equipment between classes and social distancing will be followed in seating arrangements when possible. Personal supplies may be brought from the general ed classroom, or teachers will sanitize supplies between each group served. For services with small rooms, teachers will utilize open classrooms to accommodate for larger groups of students when available.

What are the safety precautions that will be put in place in the classroom?

Every class is different and we will use all the safety precautions that are possible which may include:

- Increase space between students during in-person instruction.
- Move classes outdoors or to a larger space whenever possible.
- Rearrange desks to increase space between students whenever possible.
- Face desks in the same direction whenever possible.
- Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- Assign students seats.
- Eliminate activities that combine classes or grade levels.

Teachers will be creative in their seating arrangements. Students will be assigned to a spot for a certain amount of time (AM/PM, Daily, Weekly). They will spread out utilizing tables, desks, floor w/ clipboard, alternate seating, etc. All areas will be sanitized before switching student seating. Classrooms with desks will be arranged in 'testing style', separated and in rows/columns. Classrooms with tables will use tape to define individual areas. Tables will be divided where students do not sit next to and/or across from another student when possible.

How will school supplies be used?

Students will bring their own supplies and we will minimize all sharing of materials as much as possible. Community supplies will not be used in the regular classrooms. Make sure that you label your child's supplies with first and last name.

Will students be able to have snacks at school?

Yes, students must bring their own snacks. There will be no classroom snack or snack bags. There will be no shared snacks. Parents/ Teachers can provide unopened bulk containers with individually wrapped snacks.

Will students be able to have class parties?

Yes! A Valentine and Winter party will be held. Parties are always a fun time for our students! Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parent or guardian guests during the party time. All food and drink items for the party will need to be store bought items. The classroom teacher will send out more information on the party needs prior to the party day as well as where and when to drop off items if needed.

Will desks/chairs be cleaned throughout the day?

Yes! All classrooms will be provided with cleaning supplies so that teachers may sanitize several times each day. At the end of each day, classrooms will be heavily sanitized.

Any additional anti-bacterial wipes, hand sanitizer, or Lysol spray that families can provide will be greatly appreciated!

Who will be available to check wellness of students?

There will be a Nurse or a Nurse assistant on site each day. Students with a fever or Covid symptoms will be kept in a separate area from other students until parents are able to pick up.