Together as partners, let’s get 2020-21 off to a

SAFE START with these helpful tips☺

✜Entry Procedures at Our School, Visiting School

Canyonville School is dedicated to maintaining a safe school environment. Until further notice, following the governor’s orders, no visitors or volunteers will be allowed inside the school. Please call ahead if you need something from the school and need to pick it up or to check out your student. This will allow us to get your student and or materials ready for you when you arrive. All visitors, including parents/guardians, must ring the doorbell at the main entrance doors of the main building. Someone from the office will come out and assist you. We are asking all parents and students who enter the school fenced in area on our campus to wear a mask following the governers directive.

✜Picking and Dropping off Students when onsite learning is allowed

Parents can walk their K-2 students up to the outside of the classroom. If you have an older sibling who is enrolled at Canyonville they can walk them up as well. We are asking all parents who enter the school fenced in area to wear a mask and depart as soon as you drop off your child. Students in grades 3-5 will be dropped off in front of the main building. Students will walk around the main building on the left side following the sidewalk to the outside entrance to their classroom in the annex. Students in 6-8 grade can be dropped in front of the main building and walk around the right side of the building. 8th-grade point of entry will be the gym, 6th-grade point of entry is the first set of double doors into the main building across from the gym, 7th Grade point of entry will be the double doors into the main building across from the annex.

✜Social Distancing and Hygiene

**Handwashing:**All students will have access to handwashing before mealtimes, and frequent opportunities for handwashing provided throughout the day. Hand washing will be supplemented by the use of hand sanitizer. **Social Distancing:**We will strive for 6ft of spacing at all times. We will have areas with arrows on the floor indicating the flow of traffic and circles or other marking as visual reminders of spacing. **Cleaning:**Routine cleaning and disinfecting will follow [CDC cleaning and disinfecting guidance](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html), and includes cleaning classrooms between groups, playground equipment between groups, restroom door or faucet handles, etc.

✜Illness

The following illness policies will be strictly enforced for the health, well-being, and safety of all concerned.

All students who become ill at school with COVID-19 excludable symptoms such as cough, fever, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or sore throat while at school must be given a face covering to wear, isolated from others immediately; will remain at school supervised by staff until parents can pick them up in the designated isolation area. Students will be provided a facial covering (if they can safely wear one). Staff will wear facial covering and maintain physical distancing.

Under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick child to school if the child shows any signs of illness or is unable to participate in the normal routine and regular school day. Sick children will expose all children and staff members who they come in contact with. These people can in turn expose the other students. Because this is disruptive to other children and their families, your cooperation on this issue is extremely important. (See attached South Umpqua School District Sick Policy)

✜Fundamentals of Safety

As safe as our community is, there are potential dangers to children. Please help us re-focus attention on the fundamentals this year. Near School, Traffic congestion is an ongoing, serious safety challenge. Please be mindful of people who are walking when you enter and exit the school parking lot. Please follow the posted speed limit of 20mph in a speed zone to allow you time to respond safely in an emergency. Remember: drivers in school zones are prohibited from using cell phones (except in voice-activated mode).

In-School–When students feel physically and emotionally safe, they are better able to focus on learning. During the first month of school and throughout the year as needed, we teach students how to prepare and be alert for unexpected situations. We regularly practice a variety of drills with students. The school and school district also has a comprehensive Crisis Plan developed with local authorities.

In the Community–Be watchful of your child and all children every day, not only when a threatening situation arises. Tell your child to report any suspicious activities or persons to you, their teachers, principal, or trusted adults. Contact local police immediately if you feel it is warranted; otherwise, please notify your school principal.

✜ Connecting Home & School

Maintaining open communication between home and school is essential and encouraged. Here are some ways we will partner with parents to stay connected through the year: Social Media–Follow us on our School website and School Facebook Site. Middle School parents create an account for PowerSchool for you to view, assignments and grades, daily bulletin, attendance Emergency Phone Alerts–In an emergency or for school closings, our automated phone system is the primary means of communication. You will receive a recorded message to the phone numbers you provided during registration; update the school office with changes.

Student-Parent Handbook–The annual Handbook is the place to go for day-to-day information, calendars, procedures, and guidelines relevant to all families. Bookmark or download a copy, so it’s at your fingertips for quick reference during the year. An addendum will be added that will specifically address COVID-19.