

Brantner Elementary

FAQ

2020-2021

Last Updated: August 14, 2020 4pm.

Please be advised that changes can occur to any item listed below and we will do our best to communicate them as quickly as possible.

Updates/Changes are highlighted in yellow.

Back to School Night

Back to School night will be held virtually this year. Each grade level will have a specific time and day that they will host a Zoom meeting and send invites to families. Please look for correspondence soon.

Each grade level is working collaboratively regarding their back to school platform. This will be shared with families when available.

Our office staff is available to help answer questions as best we can, Tuesday-Friday, 7:30am - 3:45pm and can be reached at 720.685.5050.

Important Dates to Begin the School Year

To begin school this year, each grade level has been assigned a day to come in and work with their teacher to learn proper social distancing protocols, work on grade level pre-assessments, and get to know their teacher and classroom. Covid has brought on new challenges and experiences for us all, and we want our students to be as prepared as they possibly can and learn “the new” in a smaller environment.

Teacher Assignments

All teacher assignments will be live in Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Friday, August 14 at 4pm. Class assignments are final and no teacher requests will be honored at this time. However, please note that class assignments can change due to the ever changing safety parameters as directed by our District leadership, Tri-County Health and CDPHE.

Orientation Dates - In Person Learning Students attend from 9am-330pm

For students assigned to a teacher with a combination grade level, that teacher will reach out to those families on which day they should attend orientation.

August 19 - 5th Grade ONLY

August 20 - 4th Grade ONLY

August 21 - 3rd Grade ONLY

August 25 - 2nd Grade ONLY

August 26 - 1st Grade ONLY

August 27 - Kindergarten ONLY

August 28 - Online Students ONLY - students will come to school to pick up necessary online learning supplies. More information will be communicated to these families as we get closer to this date.

Transportation and Breakfast/Lunch will be available on all orientation days, except on Aug. 28.

September 1 - Preschool and Kindergarten through 5th grades return together for the beginning of the 2020-21 School year.

School Supply Lists

School supply lists for in-person learning will be available the week of July 28th. We will let families know how to access these lists.

Kindergarten Families - all kindergarten supplies for in-person learning are purchased in bulk by our office. We collect a \$35 fee from all kindergarten students to cover the cost of these supplies. The only items kindergarten families need to purchase are: face covering, back pack, reusable water bottle, and lunch box [if a student is bringing lunch from home].

- The \$35 supply fee will be collected beginning September 8. Cash or check only at this time.

At this time we are not requiring any specific supplies for online learning students. This is subject to change once the online learning platform is underway. However, we recommend purchasing the items listed for your student's grade level on our website.

School Hours

Elementary hours for Kindergarten - 5th grades will be from 9:00am - 3:30pm Busses will be running as usual, with modified pick up and drop off times-contact Transportation for more information.

Preschool hours are:

AM Session: 9:00am - 11:30am

PM Session: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Meeting with a teacher/staff

Please be advised that we may not be able to honor teacher requests that we have received due to cohort requirements.

For the safety of all of our students and staff, no in-person meetings will take place. We are so hopeful that this regulation will be lifted in the near future. In the meantime, if you need to contact your child's teacher, another staff member, or administration, please call to set up a virtual or phone call meeting. Meeting face to face is always preferred and we hope we can reimplement this soon!

Parent Volunteers

At this time, due to social distancing and safety regulations, we are unable to accommodate parent volunteers, outside visitors, or families coming in to eat with their children. We honor and value each family member that comes through our doors and are hopeful in the very near future we can welcome you all back!

Parents will be able to drop off lunches and pick up/drop off students during the day via access through our office. **Masks and Health Screenings will be required for entry into the office for all adults and school aged children.**

Specials

In order to respect the cohort requirements set by the state, specials classes will only be available online for ALL STUDENTS. There are many options that will be available for students to participate in at home with their families. There will be some grading and participation scores for Music and P.E. specials.

COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Many parents had questions regarding what will happen should a student or staff member have to be quarantined due to Covid.

Our district will follow the guidelines that are set by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Please read the [27J Covid-19 Response Procedures](#) on our website under Brantner News.

Transportation

Transportation will also be following social distancing and mask guidelines. Only students in the same family can sit in the same seat. All other students will have their own seat. The buses will be disinfected before/after student pick up and drop off. Please contact transportation with further inquiries.

Cub Care

Before and after care, and Monday care, will be available at Brantner. We have been advised that due to state guidelines they are only allowed to have up to 48 students on Monday's and 24 students before/after school during the school week. Please contact Alexis Garcia, Cub Care Manager at agarcia@sd27j.net for more information or check the district's childcare website at <https://www.sd27j.org/Domain/724>.

IN PERSON LEARNING GUIDELINES

Mandatory Health Screening for all Students - Required before arriving at school

- Families who have made this learning style selection will be required to complete a self health screening via your Infinite Campus (IC) account for each student prior to arriving at school on the days In-Person Learning is taking place.
 - For those families who have not set up an IC account, you will receive an email from one of our staff members the week of August 10th with instructions on how to set up your account.
 - The mandatory health screening will be required to be submitted on orientation days and beginning September 1 until further notice.
 - Temperature checks will occur before your student enters our building.
 - Should a student's temperature not fall within the 'safe to stay' guidelines, we will contact their parents/guardians for pick up.
 - Further guidance upon returning to school fever-free will be available once CDPHE releases their guidelines.

Face Coverings

Masks and/or Neck Gaiters **will be** required to be worn, at all times during the school day-this includes students and Brantner staff.

- Wearing face shields without a mask **is not permitted**. All students are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. They are permitted to wear a face shield IN ADDITION to a mask. Please see below for examples of approved mask wearing.
- Should a student need to take a “mask break,” Staff will follow mask break guidelines as designated for our building.
- Masks are required to be worn by any Brantner student, staff member, or visitors to the Main Office while on school property.
- We recognize and understand that students will have a learning process with the usage of masks and will work with children, individually, so that they can be successful and promote safety for themselves as well as others.
- We are providing breakaway lanyards to all students to use when they take a “mask break” to help keep their mask with them at all times, especially at recess and lunch. These will remain in each student’s desk to use the following day.

Approved Face Covering Examples



Please speak with your child about distancing and mask wearing. Our staff is more than happy to help remind your child, but we would also love your support and help with this as well.

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

Please read the document on our website under Brantner news for our current pick up and drop off procedures.

Overall Safety

At this time all classrooms, small groups, students and staff will be practicing social distancing.

- Classroom sizes no larger than 30 students
 - Desks spaced 3-6ft apart and all facing the same direction
 - All supplies that students use will fit in their desks
- Cohort sizes no larger than 120 students - this is the group of students that your student may interact with at recess and classroom learning breakout sessions.

- Students that participate in transportation and/or before/after care may also be in this cohort

Hallway Traffic Flow

- Our hallways will be marked with one way directional signs and social distancing reminders throughout the building to enhance social distancing and traffic flow.

Water bottles

We request that all students bring their own water bottles to school. Water fountains have been turned off but water bottle filling stations will still be available. Students will keep their water bottles at their desks with them.

Outdoor Classes

Many parents have asked about the possibility of holding classroom learning outside, weather permitting. While we ideally would love to allow this, in an effort to reduce the use of high traffic touch areas we will not be encouraging this. In order to ensure our students' health and safety as best we can, we need to keep them in their classroom cohort as much as possible.

Lost and Found

Please make sure to label all face coverings/water bottles/lunch boxes/back packs/coats, etc so that items found throughout the day can be returned to their rightful owner. Any items that are not labeled will be disposed of at the end of the day due to health and safety concerns.

Remote Learning due to COVID Concerns [based on district guidelines]

If your child begins school in person, at school (Face to Face), and you have to move to remote learning because of Covid, then your child's teacher would also be the teacher for the short remote duration and continue with the kids in their class until you all could fold back into the building.

Breakfast

Breakfast will still be available for those students that want it. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Typically we've only ever had approximately 20 students that participate in breakfast. With the reduced cub care numbers, we can ensure that Breakfast participants can socially distance while eating in the lunchroom.

Lunch Procedure

Students will be eating lunch in the gym and cafeteria, maintaining appropriate social distancing requirements.

- Hot lunch will still be available for students
- Microwaves will not be available to students at this time. Please pack a lunch for your student that does not require heating.
- Nutrition services will be providing a meal plan card that can be scanned that will be linked to each student's meal plan account for a touch free check out.

Recess

Students may or may not attend recess with their cohorts. Our playground will be sectioned off into 3 zones in which cohorts will be rotated through weekly. This will help with social distancing requirements.

In addition to classroom recesses there will also be a lunch recess.

ONLINE LEARNING GUIDELINES

Teacher Assignments

Based on the latest discussions with district administration, staffing for our Online Learning platform may or may not include Brantner teachers.

More information will be available as the online learning platform is finalized.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REMINDERS

Please pack extra masks for your students, should they need one during the school day.

Feel free to send in school supplies with your student on their orientation day. Remember, Parents will not be allowed to escort students to their classroom. Please be mindful of this as you are packing their backpacks with their supplies to bring into the classroom. You do not have to bring in ALL the supplies as listed on the first day. Feel free to re-supply your student as needed.

We know that it is difficult to find hand sanitizer and wipes right now. While we are still requesting these items for our classrooms, feel free to supply your student with their own personal sized hand sanitizer to use at school.

Medication Drop off for In Person Learning Students

If your student requires medication to be administered during school hours, please plan on dropping the medication and necessary 27J paperwork during your student's orientation day.

- Juanita Ruiz, our Health Clerk will be available outside our main entrance to receive your paperwork and medications.
- If you need assistance with the necessary paperwork or have any questions please contact Juanita at jruiz@sd27j.net or 720.685.5053.



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