



Second Creek Elementary School

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Dear Second Creek Bison Families:

Happy Fall to each of you!!! So far, we have been able to move forward without any shutting down school due to Coronavirus. With the various layers of protection in place, we continue to remain cautiously optimistic offering in-person learning. Overall, our in-person students have done a marvelous job wearing masks/face coverings and hand sanitizing. Our staff has gotten into a rhythm with screening, keeping track with cohorts, and daily sanitizing and disinfecting. Each day we get to come to school, we are grateful since the call to close a classroom, a cohort, or whole school could come at a moment's notice.

Last Spring, we loaned out computers to everyone to try to maintain connections at-home. We are putting out a plea to return them if you are in person and have not returned your computer. We made a huge effort and successfully provided technology for all students who needed Chromebooks. Unfortunately, we still have Chromebooks that have not been returned to meet the need for Chromebooks for our in-person learners. If you still have them at home, please return them to us. Our students need them.

We realize that Remote Learning has worked for some while some are still trying to adapt to the new way of educating students. Initially, we faced challenges with technology, but many of those issues have been resolved. More students are able to access learning through technology. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have difficulty or questions about the content learning material. You may also brainstorm ideas with your child's teacher if you are having difficulty developing routines for students to learn. The more consistent your child interacts with the learning, the better your child will improve. Your child's teacher is the best source for communicating any concerns your child may experience. During these times, I am really proud of our teachers who have taken on the challenge of teaching virtually to support our families.

Our students' success is extremely important to us and learning virtually is new for all of us. We are committed to providing students the best opportunity possible to be successful virtually. It matters to us that every student succeed. You should have received a voice message with our school Etiquettes for Virtual Learning. Please click on the [LINK](#) if you missed it.

Virtual Requests for In-Person Learning

We have received several requests to transfer to In-person learning. At this time, most classes are full, and we continue to enroll new families who are requesting in person learning. Our staff was assigned based on the number of Virtual and In-person students as well as how many students we can safely socially distance. We began a waitlist at the beginning of the year and have been working to get students in on a case-by-case basis.

Virtual is different and requires a little time getting used to. We recommend working through the process and continue to have your student attend the virtual classes. In most cases, patience and time are required to adapt to the new environment. We will reassess at the end of the first semester as we receive district protocols.

Assessment Overview

Our students are assessed throughout the year to monitor student progress and determine instructional needs. Please click on the link to open for an overview of assessments that our district requires: [Assessment Overview](#)

In-Person Classes: Designated space location by cohort

- Please conduct health screening prior to leaving home. If your child does not feel well, please do not send them to school.
- Adults and Students must wear a mask or face covering.
- Photographers will be set up in our west modular nearest the baseball diamond.
- Parents should park on the west side of the building at the baseball parking lot.
- When students arrive, temperature checks will take place prior to entering the modular. Only students who have normal temperatures and no symptoms may come to the school.
- No adults will be permitted inside the building.
- Follow the safe-distancing markers.

Vehicles Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

As the temperatures change, our volume of vehicles in our drop-off lanes tend to increase. We ask that you are mindful of pedestrians walking to and from school and through the parking lot. Our staff is there to help guide. If you practice the following, we can ensure safety of our students, staff, and families:

1. Safely and cautiously drive through drop off and pick up zones. Slow down, in the school zone please.
2. Allow your child(ren) to exit the vehicle from the passenger side close to the curb. It is a HUG N' GO lane in front of the school. Please, please remain in your vehicle to keep the flow of traffic moving. Prepare for the drop-off before leaving home.
3. Arrive in time to park and walk to your child's pick up or drop off at their grade level door.
4. Watch out for the yellow cones. They help direct traffic. Please do not run over or knock the cones over.
5. Do not leave your car unattended in NO PARKING zones/lanes.

October Events

October is full of events, and we know with COVID-19 guidelines we will need to modify some of the events that typically happen.

Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of October 19-23. They will be virtual. I hope you have been in communication with your child's teacher before conferences to know how your child is doing. Our teachers will be sending out a Sign-up Genius as we have done in the past.

Halloween COVID Style: Please understand that Halloween will be modified due the safety precautions that have been put in place. We plan to celebrate it on Friday, October 30th. Students will be able to dress in simple costumes without the costume masks or extra add-ons. We are requesting that costumes are comfortable enough to be worn all day. Students will not be able to change into their costume during school hours. Students may only wear the required safety mask. It's okay if it has a Halloween theme print. Treats will need to be pre-packaged and sealed in order for the teacher to hand them out. We apologize in advance as cupcakes and homemade treats are not allowed and will not be handed out. Times will be established by each classroom. Visitors will not be permitted to join in the in-person activities this year. More information will be sent home during conference week. Our teachers are planning for a *Virtual Halloween* as well. Please stay tuned for what fun ideas are headed your way.

PTO

Our PTO has played a vital role in our school's existence and connection to our school community. It is another area that will look different this year. You will receive communications from our PTO via newsletters. Getting involved with our PTO is a great opportunity for families to connect and become a part of our Second Creek culture. Ms. Janina Lucero is our amazing president and will be reaching out to Second Creek Bison families soon.