



October 19, 2020

Dear Columbia Elementary School Parents:

Based on the recent decline in COVID cases, we are very optimistic we may be able to begin returning kids to classrooms the week of November 2nd.

As we experienced before, these plans can be impacted significantly by local COVID cases. Therefore, to give ourselves the safest and most successful return of students to classrooms, we are planning a gradual re-entry.

With safety in mind we will begin with an A/B model. In this model, we will bring one half of each class in for two full days a week, and continue remote learning the other days. See the sample schedule below. Classes will be divided into groups once we have results from the survey described at the bottom of this letter. You will be notified whether your student will be in A or B group by Friday October 23rd.

K-4 Weekly Schedule

Monday - Virtual home learning for all

Tuesday - Group A attends the classroom

Wednesday - Group A attends the classroom

Thursday - Group B attends the classroom

Friday - Group B attends the classroom

*See full schedule below.

Learning to navigate a school environment with the new safety procedures will take intentional, explicit instruction and practice. We can ensure safety if we train our kids well to honor these health and safety practices with fewer kids. We are hopeful that by doing this with essentially one half of the student population at a time, we can continue to safely have students in the buildings, for face to face instruction.

We recognize the relationships students have with their teacher is critical to their educational success. Forming in person relationships is a positive next step in our return to the classroom. Beginning with smaller in person groups will help solidify these positive connections between students and teachers as they have more time in the classroom with fewer kids.

With established safety practices and continued decline in COVID-19 cases, we hope to return all students every day as soon as we can safely do so. We will keep you informed of this potential full return.

In preparation for this transition to the classroom, remember all immunizations must be up to date, as well as school administered medications. We will be addressing questions and discussing this plan during your upcoming parent conference the week of October 26th. If you have not yet scheduled your parent teacher conference, please call the school office.

Please review this [Reopening Q&A](#) document that includes helpful details. After reading the Q&A, please take part in this [IMPORTANT SURVEY](#) to help us understand how we can continue to partner with you as we return students to classrooms.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

David Starkey



Woodland K-4 Hybrid Learning Student Hours 8:00-2:30

	Monday Whole Class Virtual Day	Tuesday Cohort A at school	Wednesday Cohort A at school	Thursday Cohort B at school	Friday Cohort B at school
Cohort A Student Schedule	<p>9:15-11:30</p> <p>Whole Class Virtual Synchronous</p> <p>Instruction mirrors what we are doing currently.</p>	<p>8:00-1:45 Attend School Face to Face Learning</p> <p>Students: 1:45-2:30 Specialist Lessons (PE, Music, Art) from home</p>	<p>8:00-1:45 Attend School Face to Face Learning</p> <p>Students: 1:45-2:30 Specialist Lessons (PE, Music, Art) from home</p>	<p>Asynchronous Home Learning</p> <p>-iReady ELA <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -iReady Math <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -1 Mystery Science Lesson -Typing Club</p>	<p>Asynchronous Home Learning</p> <p>-iReady ELA <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -iReady Math <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -1 Mystery Science Lesson - Typing Club</p>
Cohort B Student Schedule	<p>9:15-11:30</p> <p>Whole Class Virtual Synchronous</p> <p>Instruction mirrors what we are currently doing.</p>	<p>Asynchronous Home Learning</p> <p>-iReady ELA <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -iReady Math <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -1 Mystery Science Lesson</p>	<p>Asynchronous Home Learning</p> <p>-iReady ELA <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -iReady Math <i>Teacher Assigned lessons</i> -1 Mystery Science Lesson</p>	<p>8:00-1:45 Attend School Face to Face Learning</p> <p>Students: 1:45-2:30 Specialist Lessons (PE, Music, Art) from home</p>	<p>8:00-1:45 Attend School Face to Face Learning</p> <p>Students: 1:45-2:30 Specialist Lessons (PE, Music, Art) from home</p>