

Hello- Northwestern Elementary School Parents

I wanted to share out some information in regards to "Back to School" Information for the elementary school along with the attached power point for building specific details. As you can imagine the summer has been very busy trying to prepare our students and staff to safely return back to the building for in person learning while preparing for online instruction. I also want to thank all of you for your patience and flexibility as we plan details and share out communications through this process. If you have questions, please contact the school by phone or email to answer any questions.

It's important to be transparent the best we can be. We have an amazing staff that enjoy interacting and developing rapport with our students. Our staff believes in collaborative grouping, building relationships, problem based lessons and hands on learning. As you are well aware, some of those methods cannot be easily accomplished this year and school will look a lot different. With that being said, I can assure you that we will continue to set high academic standards and deliver the instruction the best and safest way we can.

Without being able to do the traditional open house, the week of August 24th, our staff in grades K-5 will be setting up small in person groups and/or by zoom meetings during the day. Each student will be allowed to bring one parent with them so that they can meet with their homeroom teacher and get a feel for their classes and be prepared to come to school the following week. This will be a time for parents and students to be able to ask questions. We do ask that all visitors wear a mask during these meetings. Home room teachers will be in contact to set up a time to meet either in person or through zoom.

Don't forget that parents have until August 13th to choose which option of learning for their student. Option A is 4 days in person with Wednesday for remote learning. And Option B is online learning through Northwestern. If you chose Option B you will need to fill out the Northwestern Online Policy form and return it to the office. We are allowing families to sign out a Chromebook if needed, once the office has the completed online policy a Chromebook can be issued. Students who choose online learning must remain online through at least the midterm of the grading period before returning to in person learning at the school.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your continued support. This will be a challenging year, no doubt about it, but together we can do this! As things change and more details are available to share, we will do our best to keep communicating. Please continue to be patient and understanding as we try and navigate through each scenario and logistics of each day. We are all looking forward to seeing our students again. Good luck this year and we will see the students on August 31 for the first day of school

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