

School Information and Updates Thursday, December 17, 2020

PRELIMINARY ENROLLMENT FOR PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND AK

Preliminary enrollment for preschool, kindergarten, and AK will be available on January 7, 2021. If your child will be 4 years old by September 15, 2021, they are eligible to enroll in preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. If your child will be 5 years old by September 15, 2021, they are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten or AK for the 2021-2022 school year.

Click here for more information.

LEARNING MODEL UPDATE

Reminder... Starting January 4, 2021:

- PK-8 Return to full onsite instruction, all students
- 9-12 Return in enhanced hybrid every-other-day A/B
 - Decision and a date for intended return to onsite instruction will be announced by January 15
 - Hybrid Schedule for 9-12
- Temporary Virtual Learning -
 - If currently in TVL continue through January 15 (end of 1st Semester)
 - Second semester participation will be communicated to families by December 22
 - Approved participants begin second semester, January 19

QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

The CDC recently issued modified requirements for quarantining when someone is exposed to a COVID-19 positive person. These modified requirements were established for individuals facing the types of hardships that make quarantining for 14-days harmful or impossible. In other words, if a 14-day quarantine is absolutely not possible, these modified requirements offer the next best alternatives.

After further review and discussion with Linn County Public Health (LCPH), the College Community School District will continue to follow the 14-day quarantine for individuals who were within 6 feet of a positive person for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Why not get students back to school before the 14-day period is over if the CDC allows for it?

- Students are not generally able to follow all mitigation strategies in the school setting throughout the school day with absolute consistency because school environments are "communal" in many ways (lunch, common areas, bathrooms, etc.).
- The modified guidance is the next best alternative in situations when a 14-day quarantine is not feasible but it is not the safest option to prevent spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community.

As we have learned throughout the pandemic, this guidance is subject to change. Thank you for your continued patience as we do our best to provide a consistency in our contact tracing efforts.

LIVE STREAMING FOR WINTER SPORTS

The Prairie High School Activities Office is excited to announce that it will offer Live Streaming for boys and girls basketball (soph, JV1, and varsity), wrestling (JV and varsity), and boys and girls bowling (JV and varsity) contests during the winter 2020-21 seasons.

Announcements with links to the live events will be posted each week on the Prairie High School website homepage, https://phs.crprairie.org/ as well as the High School Athletics page, https://phs.crprairie.org/athletics/. We will also post announcements on our Twitter page, (www.twitter.com/crp activities).

Prairie Bowling Facebook page will have live coverage of all Home Bowling meets. Visit https://www.facebook.com/prairiebowling/

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Reminder - we had several students unsure of what bus they were to be riding home on this week. When we leave campus late in the afternoon it then causes students to be dropped off late and in the dark. Please review with your student what bus they are to ride home so that we are able to leave campus on time. Your Portal account always lists the current busing information for your student. We will possibly have additional changes over winter break. You will want to check your account prior to our return in January.

Thank you for your help in ensuring the safety of all of our students.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

December 14-22: Curbside grab and go meals will be available for hybrid and virtual students Monday-Friday 10:30AM-12 Noon from the west staff parking lot drive through at Prairie Hill Elementary.

December 23 & December 28: Curbside grab and go meals will also be available for pick up on Wednesday, December 23rd and Monday, Dec 28th from 10:30AM-12 Noon. Meals for the entire week will be available for one time pick up. Meals are available to all children age 18 and under.

The December menu can be found <u>here.</u> Curbside meals will continue to be a variety of items based on product availability. Thank you for your participation in our meal program!!

Jan 4th-29th: Curbside meals will be available Monday-Friday 10:30AM-11:30AM from the west staff parking lot drive through at Prairie Hill Elementary. Meals will be available for daily or weekly pick up for virtual and hybrid students. (Pick up will not be available on January 18th-No school.) For weekly meal pick up, please schedule ahead by calling or emailing Food and Nutrition at 319-848-5337 or vscott@crprairie.org or mmiddleton@crprairie.org If you are not able to pick up at the scheduled time, we may be able to make arrangements to accommodate your needs. If you do not have access to the necessary equipment to cook frozen meals, we can make accommodations to the meals we provide to your children.