

## GARFIELD-PALOUSE SCHOOLS

OUR MISSION: Provide educational programs of the highest quality for all students in order to prepare them for their future.

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Dear Garfield Elementary School Families:

We are excited to have our kids back in the building for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. As we get ready to start the school year, we want to remind you of some very important details concerning bringing the students back and what you and they can expect moving forward. We will constantly be making adjustments as the situation dictates and I want to thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding in this most unusual start to the year. We want our kids back in school and want to provide a meaningful educational experience for all of our families.

With that being said, there are a few important details that must be followed for elementary students to be back in the building on Tuesday, September 8: **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.**

1. **The doors to the school will not be opened until 7:45 AM.**
2. **PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.** Students who are dropped off at the Main Entrance will be screened on arrival and shuttled to their classrooms. Students riding the bus will be screened at the bus loop entrance and will go directly to their classroom. All students will also be screened by their classroom teacher at the beginning of the school day.
3. Students who show signs or symptoms or have a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be isolated and the family will be called.
4. **Cloth face covering/Masks will be worn in the building at all times.** Families are responsible for providing a proper cloth face covering/mask for their student(s).
5. Students will be in cohorts, (kept together) with their classroom teacher to prevent movement among groups.
6. Most specialists will be eliminated to start the year and then gradually brought back into the schedule.
7. Recesses and recess areas will be staggered/designated by classroom teachers to allow for proper physical distancing.
8. Breakfast/Lunch will be eaten in the classroom.
9. A distance learning option will be available for families who choose not to send their student(s) to school for in-person instruction.

Again, we are excited to welcome our elementary students and families back to school for the 2020/2021 school year. Please continue to visit our website ([www.garpal.net](http://www.garpal.net)) to find additional information on our reopening. If you have any questions please contact the Garfield School at 509-635-1331.

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