April 2021

Dear Edson Families,

On behalf of the Edson staff, we are very excited to have the majority of our students return to in-person learning on **Monday, April 19th**. Below are some details about what the school day will look like, changes to be aware of, and some important reminders:

- **We will continue to follow a one-hour delay schedule.** Buses will drop off students to school starting at 9:25AM and walkers may be dropped off between 9:35 and 9:50AM at the main entrance (once the buses depart), and the two cafeteria entrances by the upper side parking lot. The entrance by the recess play area will be closed starting on Monday. Buses will depart at 3:10PM and walkers will be picked up at 3:10PM at the cafeteria side doors.

- Parents must complete, every day, the school district daily COVID Health Screening Questionnaire if their child attends in-person learning. Masks are required. Please note that masks are available for students if they forget or lose theirs.

- To ensure the health and safety of all students and staff, and diminish the chance for any mandatory quarantines, **DO NOT send your child to school if they are showing any signs of being sick.** If you have any questions regarding this, or questions about COVID protocols, please contact Jessica Decker, School Nurse.

- Please watch the You Tube video on the School Website regarding COVID health practices and quarantine procedures for more details. It is on the district Home Page.

- As students enter the building, they can grab a free bagged breakfast to take to their classroom to eat. Students will eat their breakfast in their classroom staggered by row/seats to ensure 6 feet distance.

- Hot lunch, and a choice of a cheese sandwich, are free to all students. Students no longer eat in their classrooms and eat with their classroom cohort in the split gym and split cafeteria. They eat at individual student desks that are spread apart at least 6 feet for social distancing.

- The students participate in a structured recess activity to ensure social distancing is practiced, which rotates for each class by day. For example, they play games such as Simon Says, Touch-free relay races and take walks on our large campus. Students wear masks during recess play except for the walk, in which they can take off their mask keeping 6 feet distance from each other.

- Every day each class will have either 30 minutes of live, in-person PE, usually outside, or livestream Art, Vocal Music, and Library. The livestream specials lessons will be recorded by grade level and posted on Teams for the students who remain 100% remote learners.

- Every classroom teacher will livestream whole class instruction for ELA, writing, Math and Social Studies/Science for their remote learners to participate, and in addition, teachers will have 30 minutes each day to work only with their remote learners for targeted skills instruction, including reading, writing and math, depending on the needs of the student. Each teacher will communicate their daily schedules to their remote learners prior to the start of school Monday.
• In person daily PE, or livestream Art, Vocal Music, and Library are: 11:00-11:30 for 4th grade, 11:45-12:15 for 2nd grade, 12:30-1:00 for 3rd grade, 1:15-1:45 for 1st grade and 2:00-2:30 for Kindergarten. These are the time slots during which grade level teachers will work with their remote only students on Teams for targeted instruction.

• If your child receives extra support for Math, ENL, Reading, or works with specialist such as Speech, OT. And PT, those support services will continue for both in-person and remote only students. Specialists will communicate with their remote only students if the time they provide support may change due to the switch to in-person learning 5 days per week.

• School announcements will be 9:50AM for in-person students and 9:55AM on Teams for remote only students.

• If your child is attending school in-person, please send them to school with their school-issued Chrome Book and kindly tape their name to it with a post-it, or tape a piece of paper to it. Classroom teachers will collect from their students. All Chrome Books should be returned to school by Thursday, 4/22.

• If students are quarantined, the school will supply them with a Chrome Book to use during their quarantine.

• If your child is absent from in-person school, it will count as an absence and the teacher will not provide alternative remote learning. Please send notes to school if your child is sick and is attending in-person learning.

• Reminder- early sign-out is for a particular reason such as your child is sick, you have a medical appointment etc... Students will not be signed out early after 2:40PM. Parents should send a note to school if they plan on signing their child out early. You can also call the office if there is an emergency.

• Due to COVID restrictions, parents cannot enter the school building so meetings with teachers and other staff members will be on Teams or by telephone.

• The PTO meetings will continue to be on Zoom for the remainder of this school year. The next meeting is Wednesday, 4/21 at 6:30PM.

• I will continue to use the Edson Cougar Teams Page for updates, and send updates home on paper with our in-person learners.

• Make sure you notify the school office and teacher if your address, email, phone numbers or emergency contacts have been changed or need to be updated.

Please check the Edson Cougar Announcements Team and our school website for any additional information. I have also updated our school calendar on the district website. We look forward to seeing most of our students back in-person next week. Thanks for all your support and understanding during this most unusual school year!

Sincerely,

Brian D. Martin  Principal, Harry L. Edson Elementary