

MES Family Update – August 5, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that your first week of August is going well.

A few things for you today:

*The building continues to take shape - floors are getting waxed, the outdoor basketball court and the blacktop area near first and second grade have been recoated and the Town crew was here today doing some extensive landscaping work in the front area of the building.

*The Virtual Family Reading Nights continue for the next three Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The Zoom link if you are interested in joining is below:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85309917604?pwd=M2FaWHY5bXITQVF0S1MwbFFsYkN6dz09>

*We continue to work on the opening of school plan. Some of the things that we know or are planning at this point in time are below. As more details are finalized, we will share them with you.

- Everyone on a school bus/van will need to wear a mask - including the bus driver and any other adults
- Bus seats will be assigned - but we will revert to our more traditional seating arrangement with K students seated near the front of the bus and 6th graders at the back of the bus. Grade levels will fill in the space in between in order of grade level
- Teachers have the option of continuing to use desks or to have tables in their rooms
- Teachers will have their classroom carpets back if they would like
- Students will be able to work in small groups with teachers - and with other students
- To begin the school year - students will eat in their classrooms. Breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all students
- This year students will travel to the Specials places - Art Room, Library, Music Room, Spanish Room and gym

We hope that everyone has a terrific end of the week and a great weekend. In looking at the long range weather, it appears as though some summer-like weather is returning.

Take care,

Dan & Kim