

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 11:00am

Good morning McKinley families,

Last night SMMUSD sent a blast notifying families that beginning April 19<sup>th</sup> schools will reopen for full school days 5 days a week.

The original plan for after Spring Break was for schools to reopen with a Hybrid model. However, the LA Department of Public Health announced the adoption of the CDC recommendation of 3 feet of social distancing between students in classrooms. The reason why schools had to do a Hybrid model was because the 6 feet social distancing requirement prevented an entire class of students from fitting in a classroom. With 3 feet distancing the whole class can be seated in a classroom and come back for a full school day.

So the updated plan for McKinley and all SMMUSD elementary schools is as follows:

**The week of April 12<sup>th</sup> will be a combination of Student Work Days and Distance Learning Days** so that students and staff who travel out of state during Spring Break may uphold the 10 day quarantine, and so staff can plan and prepare.

- Monday 4/12- Student Work Day (8:30-9:00am Zoom, 9:00-3:00 Asynchronous)
- Tuesday 4/13- Student Work Day (8:30-9:00am Zoom, 9:00-3:00 Asynchronous)
- Wednesday 4/14- Modified Distance Learning Day (8:30-10:30am Zoom, 10:30-1:35 Asynchronous)
- Thursday 4/15- Modified Distance Learning Day (8:30-10:30am Zoom, 10:30-3:00 Asynchronous)
- Friday 4/16- Modified Distance Learning Day (8:30-10:30am Zoom, 10:30-3:00 Asynchronous)

**Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> McKinley and all SMMUSD elementary schools will open for full school days, 5 days a week.** Students at all schools who are not returning to in-person learning will be assigned to a virtual Zoom District Academy taught in grade level spans (TK-1, 2-3, 4-5) by a District teacher/substitute for the remainder of the school year.

When students are on-campus, in addition to the 3 feet of social distancing in classrooms, all other CDC/LADPH guidelines of mitigating practices for COVID-19 will remain in place including: all students and staff are required to wear masks except when eating, when eating students will maintain 6 feet of social distancing and eat outside (except when circumstances like rain require indoor eating), adults will maintain 6 feet of social distancing with students and other adults, stable groupings will be maintained to minimize potential exposure and to allow contact tracing when needed, windows and doors will be open with HVAC systems turned on for air turnover, consistent custodial cleaning of spaces and high touch surfaces will occur throughout the day, time for hand washing will be provided and hand sanitizer available throughout campus, only essential staff and students will be permitted on campus, drop-off screening procedures and temp checks will continue, and pick-up procedures with assigned gates for grade levels will continue. As the CDC and LADPH make periodic updates to guidelines and protocols we will continue to make adjustments when changes occur.

Grab-and-go bagged lunch will be provided daily; students may bring their own lunch and recess snack as well. A grab-and-go bagged breakfast will be sent home at the end of each day to eat the following morning. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle for water; bottle filling stations are available throughout campus and installed in all classrooms.

It is expected that childcare for TK-3 will be offered by SMMUSD Child Development Services at McKinley (email [sap@smmusd.org](mailto:sap@smmusd.org) or call 310-399-5865 for more information) and for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> by CREST Club at local schools (email [crestenrichment@smgov.net](mailto:crestenrichment@smgov.net) for more information).

Picture Day has been moved to April 30<sup>th</sup> and students will take photos while on campus.

**Attached** is a reopening **Bell Schedule, Map of the Recess Zones** for stable groupings, **Map of the Drop Off Procedures** (same as Orientation Days), and **Map of the Pick-Up Procedures** and assigned grade level gates (same as Orientation Days).

On the Bell Schedule you will see the change in pick-up times to allow for a staggered dismissal with assigned gates for social distancing- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades on M/T/Th/F 2:45pm and 1:30pm W, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades M/T/Th/F 3:00pm and 1:40pm W, with TK/K 1:35pm M-F.

It is important that **all families complete this RSVP Form** <http://bit.ly/SMMUSDreturnPlans> **by this Sunday** so that teachers know who is returning, and so students not returning to school can be assigned a class with the District Academy to begin April 19th.

We wish you a happy and relaxing Spring Break, and look forward to welcoming our students back to campus on April 19<sup>th</sup>,

Dr. Benjamin