



Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School District #3

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“Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow”

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Dear Rams Families,

We hope you are having a great summer! We are so excited to begin the 2021-'22 school year. Our new principal, Madisen Westcott, is settling in and has been busy getting ready for faculty/staff orientation, while our custodial crew is completing summer cleaning, painting and getting our campus ready for students to return. **Our first day of school is Thursday, August 5th, beginning at 8:15 am.**

Homeroom Teacher lists will be available on Tuesday, January 27th in the display case next to our flag (as in previous years) at the administration building. Supply lists are on the website at <http://www.cjsd.k12.az.us/>. Bus routes will also be available on the website by the end of next week.

The governing board recently approved changes to our mitigation plan (also on our website). The plan won't be as restrictive, although we are continuing with some elements to provide a safer environment for our educational community.

Highlights of the plan include:

- Masks/face coverings are optional – With recent AZ legislative action, school districts in Arizona cannot mandate masks to be worn. At the direction of parents/guardians, students may wear a mask/face covering (face coverings/masks are highly recommended for those who are not vaccinated).
- Lunch – We will have some overlapping of grade levels eating in the cafeteria (grades K-5) and our 6-8th grade students will be eating outside again this year. We are purchasing picnic tables for our older students to utilize. We will also have overlapping of grade levels on the playground at one time.
- We will continue with handwashing/hand sanitizing throughout the day.
- To the greatest extent possible, we will social distance at least 3 feet while indoors. As an example, student desks will be in rows facing forward. We will utilize our cafeteria stickers for social distancing in the gym.
- COVID Testing – Rapid tests will be available upon parent request if a student shows COVID-like symptoms. These tests will also be available to household members upon request. **We will only test a student upon parent request.**
- Contact Tracing/Quarantining – If a student has a confirmed positive test and was at school, just like we did last year, we will contact trace and utilize the AZ Dep't. of Health Services (ADHS) guidance on quarantining (see mitigation plan for details).
- We are now allowing parents and volunteers on campus this year. As always, parents/volunteers **MUST** check in at the admin. office to receive a visitor badge.

As vaccines become available for younger students and the overall conditions improve, we will reduce or eliminate many of these elements in the future.

We continue to accept enrollment/registration this summer for the 2021-'22 school year. Give us a call if you have any questions at 634-5035.

GO RAMS!!

Danny Brown, Sup't.