

Dear Ardrey Kell families,

As we prepare for the anticipated return to in-person learning on February 22, I wanted to send you some information and reminders to help ease the transition. The first week will be our A Rotation students, followed by B week then C week. Our Full Remote kids will remain online through the semester. February 23rd will be an asynchronous day for 9th, 10th and 12th grade students as ONLY juniors will come that day. This is so that we can follow the state mandate to administer the ACT. ALL JUNIORS are expected to come to AK on 2/23 to take this exam. More information is being sent to these families, separately.

Please remember to keep your children home if they have any symptoms or have been exposed to someone with Covid. And, please contact the school with any positive Covid diagnosis as we will need to contact trace.

We will be using a Hybrid teaching model beginning 2/22. Hybrid teaching means that kids in Full Remote will be “Zoomed” into the day’s lesson that the teacher is conducting with the in-person students. All Full Remote and off-rotation kids will access the live lessons through Canvas as each teacher has a web cam in the classroom. There will no longer be synchronous vs. asynchronous time once we move to in-person teaching. All students that are working at home will be able to participate virtually with their peers throughout the block. We encourage all in-person students to bring headphones to class to assist with the Hybrid environment. We also STRONGLY ENCOURAGE the use of cameras while learning remotely. Having a camera turned on, not pointed at the ceiling, allows the teacher to assess your child’s participation and learning which allows them to do their job more effectively. Thank you for assisting us with this.

Once we begin in-person rotations, everyone will move to the following bell schedule due to the fact that buses will have to run a typical high school schedule:

SCHEDULE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 22

7:15am – 8:30am	FIRST BLOCK
8:36am – 9:51am	SECOND BLOCK
9:57am – 10:27am	HOMEROOM
10:33am – 12:21pm	THIRD BLOCK and LUNCH
12:27pm – 1:42pm	FOURTH BLOCK

Students in the building will eat inside the classrooms and will be permitted to use their phones for socialization while they eat. Students at home will be able to take 30 minutes for lunch while their peers are also eating. The exact lunch time will be shared by the third block teacher.

For students in the building we will mandate masks at all times along with one-way hall movement. Maps will be provided to students in homeroom on day one to assist with this process. All rotations will start on their FIRST DAY ONLY in homeroom as a way to acclimate to the building and the processes. Classrooms will be wiped down between classes, students will sit six feet apart and bathroom schedules will be adhered to in order to eliminate grouping of students. Additionally, we ask that students bring

water bottles to fill as drinking from water fountains will not be permitted. Please refer to documents already posted on our website and a video which includes information from our Student Council.

Once we return to in-person learning, dismissal will work as follows:

1:42pm Afternoon announcements will be done followed by dismissal of drivers and walkers. All drivers will exit from the B100 doors and report to the lower lot which will be our Junior/Senior parking area. All walkers will exit from the front of the school.

1:45pm Car Riders with the last names A-G will be dismissed to exit from the front doors.

2:00pm Car Riders with the last names H-O will be dismissed to exit from the front doors.

2:15pm Car Riders with the last names P-Z will be dismissed to exit from the front doors.

We will call Bus Riders as the buses arrive on the lot and these students will exit down the G-hallway by the gym and locker rooms.

We will have staff on duty throughout the building to ensure that students are maintaining safe distancing.

For students who are at home, the day will end at 1:42pm.

If your child arrives late during their in-person week, please have him/her report to the front doors and ring the bell. Someone will come to the doors to take their health screener and check their temperature before allowing them into the building. Additionally, if your child has a first block class in a mobile unit, please remind him/her that it is still required to enter the building and be screened. All mobile classroom teachers will follow up with students and return them to the front of the school if the screening has not been completed.

If your child has a Late Arrival schedule, in the past they have been allowed to come to school and work in the media center. This will no longer be permitted. If you have Late Arrival then you will report to the school at the time of your first class (whatever block that is) and be screened at the front doors.

We will scan 2nd Block Arrivers beginning at 8:25am and 3rd Block Arrivers at 9:45am.

Students with Early Dismissal will exit the building as usual following conclusion of their final on-campus class. They will not be permitted to remain on campus in the media center.

The homeroom schedule will be as follows:

Mondays – Announcements, class meeting and relationship building

Tuesdays and Fridays – Study Hall

Wednesdays – Real World Lessons (study tips, college planning, finances, etc.)

Thursdays – Social Justice Lessons

Homeroom will shift to 30 minutes a day once in-person rotations begin.

****WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE 8AM START TIME WHILE EVERYONE IS IN FULL REMOTE. AS SOON AS CMS BEGINS IN-PERSON ROTATIONS, ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF ROTATION WILL BEGIN A 7:15AM START TIME.**

Who should I contact with questions:

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GRADES/TRANSCRIPTS/GPA – your child's counselor

HOMEROOM CONCERNS – Homeroom teacher or wendolyn1.fernandez@cms.k12.nc.us

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As always, you may always reach out to me via email at jamie.brooks@cms.k12.nc.us. We are very excited to begin some normalcy on February 22. We will continue to work with each of you to ensure that you feel safe and secure with all of our plans here at Ardrey Kell. It is our absolute pleasure to work with each of you and we respect everyone's choices during these crazy times. We value you and your children and will do all that we can to make our second semester productive, engaging and effective for your children. Thank you for your ongoing support! Enjoy your holiday,

Jamie Brooks

BUS ATTESTATION FORM - bit.ly/screeningcms

BUS ATTESTATION FORM SPANISH - bit.ly/screeningcmsspanish

HEALTH SCREENER - <https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/backtoschool/Pages/Health-and-Safety.aspx>