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Upper Elementary Return to Learn Plan

OVERVIEW

As the new 2020-2021 school year approaches, Panama Upper Elementary has implemented new guidelines to ensure the safety of our students and staff. This school year will look different than past school years. Classes will be self-contained. Teachers will assist students with developing important hygiene habits and encouraging social awareness. Breakfast will be served in their class each morning and lunch will be by grade in the cafeteria. We will still have PE, recess, and access to library books with safety precautions in place. Our staff will be continuously cleaning and sanitizing the campus throughout the day. Students will need to bring their own bottle of water. Our main goal is to keep everyone safe and provide a great education to all students. **We Are All in This Together!**

SCREENING AND VISITORS

Each day parents and staff must follow the health checklist that is on the district webpage and confirm students and staff DO NOT come to school sick. Students/staff **must** stay home if they have any of the following symptoms: 100° F temperature or higher, coughing, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath, or have been in close contact with a positive COVID case. Temperatures will be taken at each entry point of the Upper Elementary. Visitors/Parents will not be allowed in the school building. Our school building opens at 7:35 am and school begins at 7:55 am. An isolation room has been established if students develop symptoms during school. We will call parents/guardians immediately to have student picked up. We will follow the district criteria to return to school.

COMMUNICATION WITH ALL STAKE HOLDERS

If a positive case is verified, all necessary stake holders will be contacted and transition plans will be announced. The Leflore County Health Department will assist with contact tracing.

Distance Learning

All Distance Learning (DL) will be through Google Classroom. Each student will know how to access and complete assignments through Google Classroom. Parent workshops will be provided throughout the school year to help parents become familiar with DL applications.

Virtual School

The Virtual option at the UE will be taught by Mrs. Armstrong (6th grade), Mrs. Walker (5th grade), and Mrs. Barnes (4th grade). All lessons will be recorded using Screencastify and Google Classroom. All assignments are expected to be completed when assigned. Last day to enroll in this option is Aug. 17th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at markself@panama.k12.ok.us or 918-963-0405.

Mark Self, UE principal

