

Fort Braden School

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I want to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! This will be a unique school year for all of us, but our goal of developing well-rounded students academically, socially, and emotionally has not changed. We worked hard this summer developing plans to keep students safe and create a learning environment that best supports the needs of our students and families. More than ever, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this school year.

According to our records, you have chosen face to face instruction at Fort Braden for the fall semester. In order to prepare for this school year, we ask that you review the information below and discuss some of the changes that will occur on campus with your child. If you have any questions, please contact our main office.

- Students will be required to wear a mask whenever social distancing is not possible. This includes all buses, hallways, and any classroom environments where social distancing cannot occur. ***We suggest that families encourage and practice wearing a mask with their child in preparation for the school year.***
- **Visitors and volunteers will not be allowed on campus during the first semester.** This includes walking students to class, eating lunch with students, or picking students up from the classroom at the end of the day. Parents can sign students out early from the main office for any scheduled appointments. We will have additional staff available in the morning to direct students to their assigned locations.
- Students will receive a temperature check prior to exiting a parent's car or prior to entering the campus from a bus. Teachers will conduct a morning "Pediatric Assessment" of students when they arrive in their classroom. ***Please explain this process to your child prior to the first day and make every effort for an on time morning arrival.***
- Students will not share items such as crayons, markers, scissors, etc. We will have a small bag for each student to transport their materials. We encourage you to have a water bottle for your child. Students will not use the water fountains. ***Please practice social distancing at home and encourage your child not to share personal materials.***
- Classes will be on a classroom breakfast/lunch schedule or alternative breakfast/lunch schedule. It is important that parents are aware of any food allergies students may have. This information will be shared during the first week of school. ***Please be mindful of student allergies and do not pack foods that are on the classroom allergy list.***
- Fort Braden will have two separate clinics. One for daily minor injuries and medication distribution and one for students with any COVID-19 symptoms. If a student has a fever over 100 degrees or is sent to the COVID-19 clinic, they will be required to stay home for 72 hours before returning to school. ***Please discuss this with your child so they understand the implications of being sent to the COVID-19 clinic and verify the school has updated contact information.***
- All students will be issued a Chromebook to utilize at school. Chromebooks will not be sent home for grades K-5. Students in grades K-2 will receive individual headphones to utilize in class. Students in grades 3-8 will be provided a set of ear buds. ***Please reinforce the importance of respecting and caring for the technology that will be assigned to your child.***
- In order to maintain social distancing, we will utilize a modified inclement weather dismissal. ***Please make every effort to minimize dismissal changes to establish routines and arrive before 3:15 for pick-up.***

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We look forward to another great school year at the Fort and will continue to communicate any updates and resources to you as the school year approaches. While we will not hold a traditional orientation prior to the start of school, all teachers will reach out to our families prior to school beginning to answer any questions and explain first week procedures. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
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