



Cañon School
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In-person instruction at school starts on August 24, 2020. We have met the health metrics on Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) web site.

Welcome back to school!! We missed you. Let's keep working together to stay healthy and keep things rolling. A few things will be a little different. First, we want to mitigate school visitors. Please check in with Ms. Paula at the front office through the courtesy window. She will buzz you in if necessary. Also, visitors will not be allowed in the school building unless you have an appointment and are wearing a mask or face covering as mandated by Governor Ducey.

The students will also have to wear a mask or a face shield, but will be able to have mask breaks and recess time without a mask unless they are within 6 feet of each other. Please send a clear water bottle to school as students will not drink directly from a water fountain. We have installed new water fountains for water bottle refills to mitigate spreading of germs.

Please try to send your child to school with clothes that have pockets so they can keep track of their mask and please wash their mask regularly. You are our first line of defense. Please check your child's temperature every morning and observe them for coughing, difficulty breathing, fever, or other COVID 19 symptoms. If your child has a temperature of 99.9 degrees F or greater, he or she must stay home. You may call them in sick and if it is COVID-19 related, we will work with you individually to continue providing work for your child's ongoing education.

Three lunch periods are scheduled to lessen the number of students in the gym and the same group of students will be kept together at school. For example, 1st grade and 2nd grade will have recess at the same time and 3 and 4th will be at the same time as well although in separate areas.

We ask that you please drive your child to school (if possible). The bus is one area that the 6-foot rule cannot be accommodated. However, the bus will run at the normal time and transport your child to and from school. Grade levels and siblings will be sat together. If your child needs the bus, we are happy to accommodate, but they must wear a mask and adhere to all bus rules.

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd. A request for a conference will be sent home on August 27th with individual student information to be discussed during the conference prior to the appointment time. These conferences will be conducted by telephone or video. If you need an accommodation for an in-person conference, please contact Ms. Paula by email at palbin@canonsd50.com or at (623) 374-5588 x101.

If you decide to transition your child to or from distance learning, please notify the school as soon as possible and allow one week for processing.

Distance Learning Students

All distance learning students are required to complete their assignments as they are due. Some assignments must be completed online and others may be paper and pencil assignments. Your child should be present daily during the assigned online times your teacher has designated. The lessons are presented by the teacher at that time and may not be available for later access. If your child occasionally misses an instructional session, online access to curriculum is available through links in Google Classroom. Work packets will be available for each child weekly and need to be picked up and dropped off outside the front office on Fridays before 3:00 p.m. If you need an accommodation, please contact the school.

As of August 24, lunches will no longer be available for pickup at Harmil Plaza. For those parents choosing the distance learning school option: If you need a school breakfast and/or lunch you must order it the prior day and it must be picked up at the school between 7:00-8:00 a.m. for breakfast and 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch. Email Dana Maldonado at dmaldonado@canonsd50.com or call the front office at (623) 374-5588 x101 the day prior to order meals.

Attendance: All children must have verified attendance on a daily basis using one of several options: 1) **Preferred method:** quick parent e-mail to teacher before 9:00 a.m., 2) quick phone call to the front desk at (623) 374-5588 x101 before 9:00 a.m. (please leave a message), or 3) each morning before 9:00 a.m., your child should visit their virtual Google Classroom and post a comment to their teacher stating "I'm here."

We appreciate your patience with the teachers as we work through the process of teaching online and in person. If you experience any technology issues, please send an email to your teacher as soon as possible. We will work with you to resolve any problems.

Useful links to know:

Canon's Safety and Mitigation Plan www.canon50.org

ADHS School Dashboard azhealth.gov/schoolsCOVID19

COVID-19 Symptoms <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

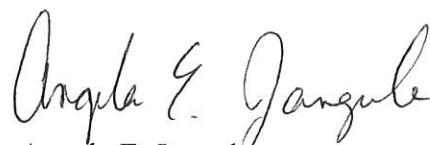
Keep in mind that this is a fluid situation. If a COVID-19 outbreak occurs, an individual classroom or the school may need to temporarily close and packet instruction will resume. COVID-19 positive results should be provided to the school so appropriate action may be taken to lessen potential impact to others. Student privacy will be preserved under FERPA. We will provide additional communication if it is needed.

As student dismissal times have been staggered by 5 minutes, please be on time to pick up your child. Full day dismissal: Grades 3-4 will be at the gate by 1:55 p.m., with Grades K-2 at 2:00 p.m. Grades 7-8 will be at the gate by 2:55 p.m., with Grades 5-6 at 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



Trinka Hall
Principal



Angela E. Jangula
Superintendent