

Good afternoon,

What an amazing adventure the past quarter has been. It is hard to believe that we end quarter one next Friday. It has been a true joy watching our kids learn and engage in the learning environment and we are excited with the educational growth we are seeing every day!

Covid Update:

The goal of PCSD#1 is to keep all constituents as healthy and safe as possible, keep kids in school and continue to have the ability to participate in extracurricular activities. Since Platte County is seeing an increase in COVID numbers that are starting to affect student school attendance and the ability of our students to participate in extracurricular activities, it was determined that we need to enforce the use of masks for spectators to provide every possible opportunity to our students to stay in school. We received updated information on who would have to quarantine that I am attaching to this email. Please refer to the attached form related to when people must quarantine if they are exposed to COVID.

We hope these measures demonstrate that as a district we are focusing on the safety and wellbeing of all our constituents. Additionally, we will have a separate document out next week that is specific to Chugwater Schools on our processes should we go into a Tier II or Tier III due to Covid. Hopefully, that document will not be necessary!

Remember to follow the daily screening protocols.

Daily Screening to be Conducted by Parents

Parents should check daily for signs of illness before sending children to school.

Students with any

illness must stay home. The following can be used as a guide: [Please note, the recognized symptoms of

COVID-19 will likely continue to be refined over time. This list will be updated as necessary.]

- Does your student have any of the following symptoms:
 - o A cough
 - o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - o A fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
 - o A sore throat
 - o Chills
 - o New loss of taste or smell
 - o Muscle or body aches
 - o Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - o Congestion/running nose – not related to seasonal allergies
 - o Unusual fatigue
- Does anyone in your household have any of the above symptoms?
- Has your student been in close contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

The student must be excluded from school if the answer to any of the above questions is “yes.”

Snow Day process coming next week:

Our Building level team is meeting next Tuesday to put the final touches on the snow day procedures. Once we have that finalized, we will send it out in an email and post it on the website. On that document we will include links to each teacher's Google Classroom to aid parents/students trying to access the platform and the times for students to meet their teachers on Google Meet. I have included a Google Classroom parent informational video on how to use Google Classroom [here](#).

Upcoming events:

If you would like to have lunch with your student, please notify Jody by 8 a.m. on the day you would like to participate. **(masks required until seated at the table)**

Veterans Day Celebration is **Thursday, October 22 at 10:45 a.m.** You are welcome to attend. (masks are required)

Show What You Know Celebration is **Friday, October 23, at 12:15.** (masks are required)

Halloween:

Students are allowed to wear costumes on **Thursday, October 29, 2020**, and the Booster club and Community Ed will be sponsoring our festivities. Stay tuned for more details.

Parent Teacher Conferences October 29, 2020, from 4- 8 p.m.

We are thrilled to have an opportunity to speak with parents/guardians about your students' progress during our parent teacher conferences. We highly encourage everyone to participate in meeting your students teachers and are aiming for 100% participation. In the event you are not able to attend in person, please email the teachers to schedule a virtual meeting during the week of October 26, 2020. (The teachers email can be found [here](#) on the school [website.](#))

Our plan is as follows:

- All parents/students/teachers are required to wear a mask when in the building and if the social distancing requirement cannot be maintained during conferences.
- All teachers will be in their individual rooms and next in line seating will be located in the halls outside of each classroom.
- Elementary grade level teachers will be finalizing their parent conference schedules in 20 minute rotations by Monday, October 19, 2020, so please check your email, student folders, or phones for a message from the classroom teacher to confirm your spot! Music/Spanish, PE, and Art teachers will be available to meet on a drop by basis.
- Secondary teachers – conferences will take place on a first come first serve basis, please make sure you touch base with all the teachers including specials.

October 30, 2020 – no school.

Our free meals have been extended throughout the rest of the school year. We hope the students are taking advantage of the free breakfast and lunch.

It is my upmost desire to serve the Chugwater School Community as fully as possible. If you have any questions, concerns, thoughts, or suggestions, please reach out to me so we can move forward and Cross the Line in a Positive Direction collectively.

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"Go Buffaloes" #onePlatte1

Chugwater Schools Vision:

Chugwater Schools strives to prepare all students to be successful learners and responsible citizens who make a positive difference in the world around them.

Chugwater Schools Mission:

Chugwater Schools is committed to ensuring students are supported educationally, socially and emotionally, and provided a well rounded education that supports their future goals, and inspires positive citizenship.