

# Kirolu Elementary

Below is information that could be helpful as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. This will be a fluid document, and we will make changes if we find ways to do things more effectively. We will be utilizing Google Platforms. Google allows students and teachers to blend technology into everyday instruction and connect students and teachers in an uninterrupted learning experience. All three phases as they relate to Kirolu Elementary will be covered below even though we will probably enter school at Phase 2. "Static Groups" and homeroom classes are used interchangeably.

## Phase 1

- Students continue with distance learning.
- Staff members work on campus.

## Phase 2

- Bus Operations: 50% capacity (33 students maximum) with face coverings
- Classroom Group Size: Static group of 25 or less including adult
- Safety Guidelines: Frequent handwashing/hand sanitizer, symptom monitoring (including temperature checks), Face coverings for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-adult
- Best Practices: Static (homeroom) groups, physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, upper grade teachers will travel so students may stay in their homeroom setting

## Phase 3

- Bus Operations: 75 % capacity (49 students) with face coverings
- Group Size: Static group of 50 or less including adult
- Safety Guidelines: Frequent handwashing/hand sanitizer, symptom monitoring (including temperature checks), face coverings for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-adult
- Best Practices: Static (homeroom) groups, physical distancing to the greatest extent possible

## DAILY SCHEDULE INFORMATION

- **Arrivals:** Students may enter the building at 7:20 and go directly to their classroom for temperature checks. Breakfast will be waiting for students in each classroom. Class begins promptly at 7:50.
- **Recess:** Recess will be merged with PE, and each class will have an opportunity to run and play. Recess times will be staggered in order for students to socially distance. Each grade level will have a designated play area and will play only with their static groups. Before we begin using playground equipment, teachers will watch children at play to determine the best way to sanitize all equipment the most efficient way.
- **Meals:** We are thankful that all student meals will be provided free of charge for this school year. In the beginning, both breakfast and lunch will be delivered to each classroom. Each morning teachers will give the students the menu choices for the day. Students will choose between a sandwich and a hot entrée. Unless we detect a problem we haven't anticipated, students may bring lunch boxes though disposable lunch bags are preferred.
- **Concession:** Concessions could resume if phases change.
- **Dismissal:** This will be the most difficult to predict because we don't have a good idea the number of bus riders, car pickups, etc. We are encouraging parents to transport their students to and from school if at all possible because some buses could have up to 3 loads! To keep lines from becoming too long, we are going to stagger dismissal. This could certainly change if it doesn't work out.
  - **Car Pick up:**
    - Grades K-1 will start at 2:40
    - Grades 2-3 will start at 2:50
    - Grades 4-5 will start at 3:00
    - *\*Cars with multiple children will pick up at the oldest child's time.*
    - Students will be placed in back seat only (state law) on the passenger side. Car tags are required to be visible in the window. We recommend the car tags be clipped or bound to the passenger side visor for easy and clear view. Car tags will be distributed at registration meetings.
  - **Buses** will load at 2:55---This could change if buses have 2 loads.
  - **Walkers** will leave at 3:00

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How will registration be done this year?

Teachers will be calling parents the week of August 17-21 to introduce themselves and make individual registration appointments for their assigned day. Each appointment will last about 10 minutes. During these appointments, parents and students will get to meet the teacher, fill out needed paper work, pay fees and drop off school supplies. School fees are \$30 and may be paid by check, exact cash, or online. If you would like to save time at your registration meeting, you may download, print, and complete the registration forms from the Kiroli website and bring them with you at your scheduled meeting time. We will be following social distancing guidelines. Facemasks are required for all parents as well as students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>.

All Kiroli Elementary students will need to provide two new, current proofs of residence showing physical address. We are updating our system and want to be sure our information is accurate. Proofs may be: atmos, entergy, water, cable, or lease agreement. Parents will bring these original copies to their registration meeting. Copies will be made at that time.

Below is the schedule for our registration days. Most appointments will be scheduled from 8:00-11:00, but some could be scheduled after lunch depending on class size.

#### **Wednesday, August 26**

K- North Side Pavilion  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade- South Side Pavilion

#### **Thursday, August 27**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- North Side Pavilion  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade- South Side Pavilion

#### **Friday, August 28**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- North Side Pavilion  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- South Side Pavilion

### What is the schedule for the first days of school?

Below you will find the schedule for our first days of school. If you plan to drop off your child, please hug, kiss, and say your goodbyes in the car drop off lines. Parents will not be allowed to walk students into the school this year.

Monday, August 31 (full day)	Kindergarten Girls Only; 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
Tuesday, September 1 (full day)	Kindergarten Boys Only; 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
Wednesday, September 2 (full day)	All Students Attend ☺

### As a parent, how can I help?

Get a face-covering for your child. Start practicing now. Have your child wear the mask covering nose and mouth for 30 minutes. Make sure they don't touch their faces. Also, please make sure everything your child brings to school is labeled with his/her name.

### **What about School Supplies?**

School supply lists are on our Kiroli website and facebook page. No backpacks or nap mats are needed. Space is very important, and we don't have room for those items.

We understand there are some items that are in limited supply. Do the best you can. If you can't find those items before school begins, maybe you will be able to locate them later when our supplies are getting low. Each child will have a small bag to hold pencils, crayons, and manipulatives. There will only be one child per desk and students will not share any supplies.

### **Will I be able to come visit my child's classroom?**

Unfortunately, the answer is NO. During the phases, we are required to limit visitors. If we progress through the phases really well, maybe this could happen at a later date, but for right now, we can't have visitors.

### **What about riding the bus?**

This is still an option. However, with limited capacity, times will vary, and we could have up to 3 loads for each driver. **Parents MUST be at the bus stop with elementary aged children during these phases.** All bus riders are required to wear a face covering and will have an assigned seat. We are encouraging parents to transport their students to and from school if that is a viable option for them.

### **When will school be back to normal?**

It will take some time to get back to the more "normal" days before March 2020. However, our children will gain a greater sense of community contribution by making the adjustments of frequent handwashing, helping others, and being kind under new circumstances. With the new shift, our instruction will forever include technology and this is a positive change.

### **What is the protocol for handling positive, COVID 19 cases at school?**

Please refer to our district website for this information as it is updated. Please go to [www.opsb.net](http://www.opsb.net). Choose the Parents and Students dropdown, and then click on COVID-19 INFORMATION.

**We are looking forward to seeing our Kiroli Komets very soon!**