

Dear Bennett Families,

We are so excited to welcome your children back to school. Here is some important information that you will need to have as we return to in person learning. **Masks and social distancing will be required.** We will have mask breaks and teach outside whenever possible. Frequent hand washing will also be a routine. You are one of the most important parts of our plan to keep our community safe. Please, do not send your kids to school if they are experiencing any symptoms. Please see attached document from the CDC which will help you determine if your child is well enough to come to school. Here is a link to the PSD protocols for keeping everyone safe and healthy as we return to school:

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/healthsafety>

Here are our other Bennett specific procedures that you should be aware of (These are obviously more in depth, but for the sake of brevity, I have provided you a summary of the most important information that you need to know in order to bring your students back.) As always, if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at asmythe@psdschools.org.

October 5th - *Kindergarten through Second grades* return to Phase 3 Hybrid learning:

A group: In person learning Mondays and Wednesdays. At home learning Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

B group: In person learning Tuesdays and Thursdays. At home learning Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

October 19th - *Third through Fifth grades* return to Phase 3 Hybrid learning:

A group: In person learning Mondays and Wednesdays. At home learning Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

B group: In person learning Tuesdays and Thursdays. At home learning Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Your teachers will be sending home their daily classroom schedules for both in person and at home learning. The same lessons will be taught on A days and B days so all students are getting the same instruction on their in person days from their teacher. The lessons will not be “live” for at home students or recorded for later viewing so it will be important to attend on your in person days. There will be asynchronous work on the students’ at home days.

Arrival Procedures:

Arrival: **Beginning at 8:30, students who are eating breakfast may be dropped off.** They will go to the south 5th grade hallway door to get breakfast. (Bus riders come in through the playground gate.) Once they pick up their breakfast, students will go directly to their exterior classroom door. Students may receive two breakfasts; one for their at school day and one for their at home day. **Beginning at 8:35, students who are not getting breakfast can be dropped off and head straight to their exterior classroom door.** Teachers will allow students in or they will have markers to line up socially distanced if it is prior to 8:35.

Late students: Exterior doors will be closed at 8:55 and students who are late will come to the front office and ring the doorbell for help.

Don't worry - We will have plenty of staff to direct students where to go and to watch for safety (masks and social distancing.)

Parents are asked to stay in their vehicle and should not walk students to their classroom doors. There is an exception for Kindergarten and First Grade students only for the first two weeks while we only have K-2 in session. Beginning on October 19th, all students will be asked to walk without a parent to their classroom and any exceptions must be approved by administration.

Classroom Cohort Model:

We are using a "classroom cohort model" which means your student will only be with the students in their class all day. They will not be mixed with students from other classes, even for lunch or recess. We will also be minimizing the amount of adults that your child is exposed to during the day. There will be an adult assigned to your class for lunch and recess supervision. This will be the same adult every day. Students from the same classes will be allowed to play together at recess. (The class sizes on A and B days range from 6-11 students). Any WIN groups which mix classes will be done virtually to avoid exposure to other students.

Lunches:

Students who are having school lunch will make their lunch choice in the morning. Lunch will be served and eaten in the classroom. If weather permits, they may eat outside. To accommodate the playground, some grades will have recess first then lunch. Others will have lunch, then recess. Students can still receive lunches on their off days at certain sites. Breakfasts and lunches are free for everyone through December. Please still apply for Free and Reduced Lunch however for access to further resources. Follow this link for information:

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/mealsremotelearning>

Dismissal Procedures:

Dismissal will begin at 3:20. Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed at 3:20. They will be directed to proceed to get their bike if applicable and go directly home. Bus riders will be dismissed when their bus arrives. Pick up - Every family will be given a family number. The number will be displayed in your passenger side window or dash where it will be visible. You will drive through the regular drive through pick up lanes (see map). A staff member will input your number into a system to indicate your arrival. Your student(s) will be excused to meet you at the pick up line. Please, do not exit your vehicle. Please use the drive through line and do not park to get out and pick up your child. There will be plenty of staff around the school grounds to make sure your students make it safely to the pick up line, bikes or buses. Students going to Alphabest will be dismissed at 3:28.

Other Questions: **When will I hear about bussing?** We are sorry that we do not have information for you about bussing. I was told that it should be out by today or tomorrow at the latest. The number to transportation is 490-3232 if you would like to contact them directly.

Will my child need to bring things back and forth? We will do our best to minimize the load for your student. They will need to bring computers back and forth as they will be joining class and groups on their at home days.

Will my child have a school laptop because we are using our personal device? By the end of October/early November, all students will have a district laptop. If you do not have one yet, please continue to use what you have been using at home. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND PERSONAL DEVICES** to school. Our teachers will not be doing anything with technology that would leave out any students who do not have access to a school computer. If you would like to continue to use your personal device at home, your child is welcome to leave their school device at school to minimize the load to carry every day.

Please take time to look over the attachments and let us know if you have questions. Thank you!

Attachments:

*Maps (Aerial map with traffic flow directions, Arrival Map, Dismissal Map)

*Alphabest Flyer (Before and After School Care)

[Bennett Maps.pdf](#)

[AlphaBEST Flyer.pdf](#)