



Kimberly Heights School

APRIL Information

2 Days On-Site & 2 Days Remote

Dear Parents,

Based on your response to the March survey, your child is scheduled to return to on-site, in person learning on April 15th Letters M-Z and April 19th Letters A-L.

CDC recently updated school social distancing requirements from 6 feet to 3 feet which allows for the ability of having more students on-site and in their classrooms with their assigned teacher. Our teachers have been creative in customizing their learning environments to accommodate the in person 2-day option. Your child will be instructed in their classroom with their teacher.

Please read the following information carefully along with the detailed school and district plans that have been posted on our website. If your child has been an on-site student, the information is remaining the same.

Part of our process will consist of each child being self-certified by a parent daily before boarding the bus or arriving at school. If you have selected to drive your child to school, your child will participate in a screening process that will be done by our school nurse.

Please note that **ALL** children and adults **will** be required to maintain a minimum of 3 ft social distancing and wear masks, covering the nose and mouth, while inside the school and on school grounds.

School Hours/Days: Students Letters A-L

Mondays, Tuesdays : In Person beginning April 19th

Wednesdays: Independent Remote Learning Day for **ALL** KHS students: Lessons will be posted by classroom teacher for students to complete and submit by 1:30pm. Wednesdays are meeting and planning days for classroom teachers, therefore, they will not hold live classes or meetings with students.

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Backpack: Your child's backpack will have a tag that gives us information on which bus they will board going home or if they are a car rider. **Please do not remove this tag.** We are asking that children refrain from bringing any items to school unless it is their home lunch. See below for information on lunch.

Transportation: Kindergarten and Session 1 (AM) students will need to be at their bus stops at 7:55am. Preschool Session 2 (PM) Students will need to be at their bus stops at 10:55am.

We ask that you please be patient as you wait for your child's bus to arrive. Students will have their temperatures checked before they board the bus which may take a little longer than usual.

If any changes need to be made regarding transportation, you will need to contact the transportation department, and fill out the appropriate form that can be found on our district website.

Arrival: Children who are car riders will have their temperature checked by our school nurse upon entry into the building. Only the child will be allowed to enter. If your child begins to cry and will not enter the school without your assistance, you will be asked to help guide your child into our first set of doors without entering the building. You will be screened and certified before entering. School personnel will assist in transitioning your child to the classroom.

Children arriving by bus will enter the school, sanitize their hands, and welcomed by our school team. They will be guided to their classrooms. I ask that if this is your child's first time an on-site this school year, that you please have your child's name written and placed in their backpack in the event your child isn't able to give their name to staff members who will be assisting.

If your child is listed as a car rider to and from school, we ask that you arrive to school no more than 10 minutes before school starts and arrive for pick up at 1:10pm. Please follow the drop off and pick-up procedures listed on our return plan which can be found on our school website. Children will be dismissed as parents arrive.

I ask that you NOT drive around the school busses, cross in front of them, or drive quickly on school grounds as you arrive or depart. This is a safety issue and can cause an accident. Please wait patiently until you are able to proceed.

Dismissal: Students who are listed as car riders will be released to parents as each parent arrives. It is important that parents call the office upon their arrival to the parking lot. Please park in a spot and walk to door 1. We ask that the adult picking up have their driver's license ready for the staff member to view the first few pick-ups or until the staff member is familiarized. We ask that you stand outside at the door so that you are visible to the staff dismissing students.

Attendance: Student attendance will be taken for children who are in person. You will not need to fill out the online form on the days your child is on site. We ask that you do submit the attendance form for Wednesdays, and remote days.

Please be sure to submit your attendance form beginning on April 7th until April 14th.

If your child will be absent, please call the school and give a reason for their absence.

It is essential that phone numbers are up to date and that mailboxes are not full. In the event of an emergency, we need to be able to communicate with you immediately. When phone numbers don't accept incoming calls, mailboxes are full, or numbers are incorrect, we are faced with stressful situations in trying to locate working numbers. Please help us be able to contact you quickly regarding your child in the event they become ill at school. This is extremely important during this unprecedented time.

If there is a need for your child to participate remotely rather than be in person, you will need to call the office to accommodate your request. This request should only be used in the event of unexpected circumstances.

Please note: **Additional COVID Health Update:**

The “Adaptive Pause” following spring break is in place to minimize the risk of COVID spread from students and families who have travelled out of state or who have gathered in large groups during the week off. An April 15 return date provides the 10 day quarantine period required by the Illinois Department of Public Health for any student returning home by April 5.

Students who are not home by April 5 will need to begin their 10-day quarantine period on the day they return. Alternatively, parents may provide a negative COVID test result for return to in-person learning after seven days of quarantine. Please contact your building nurse on or after April 7 to discuss your individual circumstances.

Additional information and details on COVID Travel Recommendations by Destination can be found on [CDC's Travel Page](#).

Supplies/Materials: **Supplies/Materials:** ALL KHS on-site students will need to bring their masks, ipad devices, chargers, headphones, and panda bags with them on a daily basis. Children will be transporting these items to and from school in the event the school needs to close.

The kindergarten staff are also asking that children who were not on-site this past month, bring the following items on the first day of school:

Math Manipulatives/Dry Erase Board

Math Workbooks

Writing Book

Kindergarten School Supplies – List can be found on our district website

Lunch: Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to order a free school lunch each morning. Classroom teachers will ask children if they are ordering a lunch. It is important that you let your child know in the morning if he/she is getting a school lunch or if they have a lunch from home. The school lunch menu can be found on our district/school website. If your child brings his/her lunch, we ask that the meal be placed in a disposable paper bag. We will be following CDC and IDPH guidelines regarding the transporting of items to and from school limiting the possibility of transmitting covid.

Preschool Snacks: Preschool students will have a daily snack and milk at school. The snack is small so please be sure your young learner has a good meal before coming to school.

Recess/Outside Break: students will be going outside for a 10-minute break/recess. Please make sure your child has their gym shoes on and is dressed appropriately for the weather. If the ground is wet, students will go for a walk outside around the school, so it is important they are dressed for the weather.

Class Instruction: Students are assigned and will receive instruction from their classroom teacher. It is important that I stress that both in person and remote students will be receiving the same instruction at the same time. Please note, KHS instructional process is different than that of the other schools due to the age and development of our young learners.

We are excited to see what the remainder of the school year will consist of. Our goal is to continue to provide a safe and successful end to the school year.

Kind Regards,

Principal Lopez