

NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Grades 3-6 Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide information regarding the return to school and our hybrid model. Beginning on **Monday, March 8, 2021, Yantacaw School will open for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students who selected the hybrid option and are assigned to Cohort A. Students in Cohort B will begin in-person learning in the classroom on Thursday, March 11, 2021.** Please review the important items below:

- Students assigned to Cohort A will attend on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students assigned to Cohort B will attend on Thursdays and Fridays. All students will be virtual on Wednesdays.
- Students who are continuing 100% virtual learning and not attending in-person instruction will join their class virtually daily via Google Meet at designated times assigned by your child's teacher. Schedules and live instruction should be similar to the current schedule.
- Specials classes (Physical Education, Music, Art, Media/Library, Spanish) will remain the same in the afternoon and will not change.
- For grades 4-6, please follow the normal drop off and pickup procedures along Brookfield Avenue.
- **Grade 3- Entrance and Dismissal**
 - Students will line up (socially distanced) on the blacktop on the North side of the building (to the left when you are facing the building on Yantacaw Place).
 - Students will line up by class. Teachers names will be posted to identify where students will line up on the blacktop. Yellow lines have been painted on the blacktop for each class to ensure proper social distancing.
 - Students will enter the building at **8:30 a.m.** through the North doors. Students will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the building. Social distancing must be observed at all times and masks must be worn.
 - Students will be dismissed at **12:30 p.m.** through the same doors on the North side of the building. Please leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal.

Grade 4 and 5- Entrance and Dismissal

- Students will line up (socially distanced) in the gymnasium. This is different than in years past. Due to social distancing requirements, there is only room for grade 6 students to line up on the blacktop near the trailers.
- Students should enter the building through the back doors near the gymnasium. The back gymnasium door will open at 8:20 a.m. **ONLY** for grades 4 and 5 students and they will line up in their socially distanced location.
- Students will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the building. Social distancing must be observed at all times and masks must be worn.
- Students will line up by class. Teachers names will be posted to identify where students will line up in the gymnasium. Colored tape has been placed on the gymnasium floor for each class to ensure proper social distancing.
- Students will be dismissed at **12:30 p.m.** through the South doors (trailer side blacktop). Please leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal.

Grade 6- Entrance and Dismissal

- Students will line up (socially distanced) on the blacktop on the South side of the building (near the trailers).
 - Students will line up by class. Teachers names will be posted to identify where students will line up on the blacktop. Yellow lines have been painted on the blacktop for each class to ensure proper social distancing.
 - Students will enter the trailers at **8:30 a.m.** Students will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the building/trailer. Social distancing must be observed at all times and masks must be worn.
 - Students will be dismissed at **12:30 p.m.** Please leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal.
- All students must have the health screening form completed each morning. Hybrid students must have the form completed in order to enter the building.
 - Students and staff must wear masks at all times when in the building. Classrooms are arranged to allow for social distancing. Movement within the building will be limited whenever possible. The daily schedule will include an outdoor mask/movement break for in-person students.
 - Students may bring a washable backpack or disposable plastic bag to school on in-person days, as well as a water bottle with their name on it. Your child's teacher will communicate to students what materials, if any, should be brought to school on in-person instruction days.
 - Parents are not permitted to enter the building with the children. Teachers will meet their classes at the designated locations.
 - If older siblings plan to meet their younger sibling at dismissal, we ask that the older

sibling go to the younger sibling's assigned location.

- Parking on the right side of Yantacaw Place is prohibited. If you must exit your car, please do not park in the yellow lined traffic lanes on Yantacaw Place. Please park in appropriate locations and walk with your child to the school. Please follow the same procedures for pickup. This also applies to parking procedures on Brookfield Avenue.
- **Only 1 parent may enter the blacktop area with their child to limit the number of people gathering in this area. Masks must be worn.**
- Grab and Go meals will still be provided at dismissal for all students in the building. For virtual students, curbside pickup will be at Lincoln School (Brown Street) on Wednesdays.
- If your child will be absent from school, please leave a message on the Absence Phone Line **before 9:00 a.m. at 973-320-8311**. Please state your child's name, homeroom teacher or grade, and reason for the absence.
- All classroom expectations and protocols will be communicated by your child's teacher prior to the start of hybrid instruction.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to email me or call the main office at 973-661-8892.

Sincerely,

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Yantacaw Elementary School