



Dear parents and guardians:

I would like to welcome all students and parents back to another school year. This year will be different as we all know and there will be a whole new way of interacting with one another. It is important though that we recognize the need we all have for human contact and building relationships with each other.

I would like to explain the methods of learning being offered and the safety measures in place for the coming year.

A very big thank you to CPFN for providing funding to purchase student desk shields.

Safety Measures

1. There will be constant cleaning of all high touch areas in the school
2. The playground equipment will receive a treatment with a special spray cleaner that is supposed to kill the Covid-19 virus for 5 days and this will be sprayed every 5 days
3. Masks will be provided to all staff and students
4. Students are cohorted or placed in a classroom that will have very little contact with outside people who are not necessary (for example, there will not be any in class presentations from outside agencies)
5. Physical distancing floor stickers as well as arrows for walking direction are placed on the hallways and classrooms will not interact with each other once in school
6. Any unnecessary items such as bookcases not normally used are taken out of the classroom to allow for greater social distancing
7. The school will have an isolation room area for any child showing symptoms of concern and the room as well as all student supplies and work area will be deep cleaned.
8. As an extra measure of safety, each student will have their very own desk/table protective 3 sided guard. See picture below:



9. The bus will be cleaned before and after runs
10. All students riding the bus will wear a mask which will be provided
11. Hand sanitizer station on the bus so students will use getting on and off the bus
12. All students entering the building will use hand sanitizer and wear a mask (masks provided to all students)

13. Students will enter and exit the school using different entrances/exits.

Please see below:

K-4 students will enter/exit the school through the front main doors

5-9 students will enter/exit the school through side doors by portables

14. All students will have assigned seating both on the bus and in school for possible contact tracing if necessary.
15. Each student is provided with a water bottle (marked with their name of course) so they do not have to gather at fountain areas in the hallway.



16. Students will have their own materials not shared with others

First week of school

September 8: ONLY K-1 will be in school all day

September 9: ONLY 2-4 will be in school all day

September 10: ONLY 5-6 will be in school all day

September 11: ONLY 7-9 will be in school all day

The purpose of the staggered entry described above is so teachers can work with ONLY one class a day to go over all safety expectations and discuss how to stay safe in school.

ECS (Kindergarten) students will attend school ONLY 3 days a week Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday for the remainder of the year starting Monday September 14.

Types of learning choices

Northland School Division is offering two learning choices for students based upon how comfortable parents are with their children coming back to school.

We want to support parents in their decision making for their child's learning.

Parents can choose between AT-HOME learning or IN-SCHOOL instruction.

The preferred method is in school and nothing can replace that type of learning but we certainly understand parents wishing to participate in the AT -HOME method. This will be students receiving instruction either through the internet or on small flash drives sent home to be used in Chromebooks provided to the student. If parents choose AT-HOME learning then students CANNOT return to school until after the first report card session (late November). If a student participates in AT-HOME learning and does not like it can return to IN-SCHOOL classes in late November.

Visitors in school

No visitors (and this includes parents), are permitted in the school unless there is an appointment made and then strict health guidelines will follow such as hand sanitizing and mask wearing along with physical distancing. Under no circumstances will parents or any visitors be permitted to enter the classroom or classroom areas of the school.

I certainly hope the measures we are taking are fully explained above but you can reach me at 780 370 5599 for any other information.

Respectfully Yours
Bernard Woodfine Principal