



**Rationale:** The following plan allows for students to return to school in a safe and supported atmosphere as they learn new routines and expectations for a COVID learning environment. We are requesting a softer start to our year so that parents and students can feel assured that Cardston Elementary School is prioritizing student health and safety while attending to the impact of the trauma of COVID.

## Kindergarten thru Grade 5 Plan

### **August 31 AM Kindergarten Orientation**

Students at a young age rely on their parents to provide safety and security; parents are best equipped to provide that when they, themselves feel safe and secure. Therefore, before the building is open to other students, kindergarten children and their parents will be invited to come together to school to visit their classroom. COVID protocols will be in place including hand sanitizing and masking for all adults visitors. Parents will follow the guidelines for visitors outlined in our return to school plan.

### **PM New Student Orientation**

All students new to our Cardston Elementary School community will be contacted the week prior and invited to make an appointment to visit the school and meet teachers with their children as per the protocols described above for kindergarten orientation.

### **September 1 K-2 Back to School**

Kindergarten thru Grade 2 students will return to school. Limiting attendance to these younger grades allows us to use additional staff support as we develop routines, cohorts and zones.

### **September 2 3-5 Back to School**

Grade 3-5 students will return to school. Limiting attendance to these younger grades allows us to use additional staff support as we develop routines, cohorts and zones.

### **September 3 All Students Regular Classes Begin**

# Preschool Plan

**August 31 Screening Appointments**

Each parent will be contacted to arrange a screening appointment for their child.

**September 1-3 Preschool Screenings**

Each student accompanied by one adult will attend the preschool for a developmental screening to assist with determining programming needs. Only one adult per child will be permitted into the building. After the screening is complete, students will have an opportunity to meet preschool staff, explore the preschool room and prepare for their first day of preschool. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and address concerns.

**September 9/10 Regular Preschool Begins**

Just a reminder that beginning September 9, parents will not be permitted into the preschool building. Drop off/pick up will be outside as outlined in the CES Return to School Plan.

\*\* Please Note: Preschool class assignments are dependent on the screening results. However, at this time we believe we can accommodate most parent requests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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