

April 5, 2021

Dear Meadowlark Parents,

As we begin our fourth quarter of the school year, I wanted to get you some important information regarding the [Smart Start Plan adjustments](#) that have been made for JCSD #1 and how that will look at MDLK. I also want to give you some information regarding what can be expected in the coming weeks as we put the work in for the final 8 weeks of the 20-21 school year.

As we return to school, the mask mandate has been lifted. What does this mean? It simply means that masks are not required in our buildings. We will still **encourage** their use, as we know the coronavirus hasn't disappeared and masks have been our friend in regards to contract tracing and keeping students and staff in the buildings. While there will be other changes, some things will stay the same.

- Staff and students need to continue monitoring their health on a daily basis. Using the daily screener at <https://jcsd1-covid.phoenixlearning.com> is a great way to do so.
- We will still only allow essential visitors to school. If you need to pick up your child, the best way to do so is still to call ahead and meet your child in our office.
- Our lunch routine of rotating between gym and classroom eating will remain the same.
- We will continue to be vigilant with our efforts in encouraging proper hand hygiene, as well as sanitizing table tops, desks, and high touch areas often.
- The District will work closely with Johnson County Public Health to monitor cases, and whether there is a need to return to mandating masks in schools.

Finally, a reminder to get the Parent Input form in as soon as possible for next year's class placement for First and Second graders at MDLK and for the new Third graders moving to CPES. We need that information by April 16th, as we begin to make plans for the 21-22 school year.

[MDLK Parent Input form](#)-upcoming First and Second grade students

[CPES Parent Input form](#)-upcoming Third grade students

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, by calling (307) 684-9518 or via email at lgraves@jcsd1.us.

Have a great week!

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