

2020-21 Parent Update

Nellie Reed Elementary

Parent Update 10-19-2020

Hello Nellie Reed families!

I hope your week is starting out great. Here are some pictures of our children last week that will be sure to put a smile on your face: [Pictures Week 8 October 12-15](#)

Please never hesitate to email me if you have any questions: jjohnston@corunna.k12.mi.us

Sincerely,
Jamie Johnston
Principal

Learning Plan

Week 8 October 19-23	Kindergarten and Pre-first: Week 9 - Nellie Reed Learning Plan for October 19-23 Beginnergarten: Beginnergarten Learning Plan for October 19-23
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Calendar Items

Oct 19	End NR Fundraiser
Oct 27	Picture Retake Day
Oct. 28	Halloween Parade (weather permitting) at 2:30 p.m. through Vernon.
Oct. 29	NO SCHOOL
Oct.30	Virtual Learning Day - STUDENTS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m.
Nov. 12	PTO Mtg. @ 6:00

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Menu	October Breakfast/Lunch Menu
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2020-2021 Corunna Calendar

Please click on the following [link](#) to view the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Nellie Reed Reminders

Please click on the following [link](#) to view instructions on signing up for Nellie Reed.

Nellie Reed Fundraiser

Today ends our Nellie Reed Fundraiser. Please turn in forms and funds by tomorrow. All products will be sent to the school by November 19th.

Thank you for supporting our school by participating in this fundraiser.

Virtual Learning Days

The following days will be designated as virtual learning days. Students do not attend school these days:

- **October 30**
- **November 13**

Please see the letter sent to all parents on 9/25/2020 for further information

[Parent Letter from Superintendent regarding virtual learning days](#)

Popcorn Day

I want to give a HUGE thank you to the Nellie Reed families for their support during our popcorn fundraiser for the Sims family. Our little school raised \$1050 in popcorn sales and donations. Additionally, I want to give a huge thank you to the McGee family and the Chesaning Rehabilitation Center for additionally donating close to \$300 in cash and gift cards for the family. Our Nellie Reed family is small, but MIGHTY!!!!

Weather

The weather is definitely getting colder outside. Our students go outside every day (unless the windchill is below 0). Please make sure to send your children with warm clothes including hats, boots, gloves, scarves, etc. Please also make sure to label all items with their name.

Halloween

We're switching things up this year and going mobile! This year our Nellie Reed friends will be parading downtown on October 28th at 2:30 p.m. in their costumes for all to see. Please find a socially distanced seat (at least 6 feet from our students) along our parade route to enjoy the fun! NO candy, toys, or prizes may be thrown to or from students. A map of the parade route will be sent out closer to our celebration. Please be aware this will all be dependent on weather conditions. We will videotape an indoor parade and send it to families if the weather does not permit us to go outside.

District Wide Virtual Days - Student Meals

Corunna Food Service will be offering meal pick up for the District Wide Virtual Days on October 16, October 30 and November 13. Breakfast and Lunch will be free of charge and available for pick up at Corunna High School, Elsa Meyer and Nellie Reed from 9:30am -10am. You must sign up if you plan to pick up a meal for your student on these virtual days. We will be providing meals for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with this pick up. Please use this link <https://forms.gle/yFNTtY78831Tqhij7> to sign up.

Food Pantry

[Click here](#) is information regarding Drive-through mobile food distribution on October 17th.

Masks reminders

Just a reminder that students are required to wear masks everyday at school. Shield can only be worn in place of a mask with a doctor's note. Also, please make sure to regularly wash mask to keep our little ones healthy. Please contact the office or your child's teachers with any questions.

Census

If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out the census at <https://2020census.gov/>. This is critical to provide equitable funding to the state of Michigan for the next ten years.

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/10/01/michigan-uncounted-census/3506479001/>

Reminders

PTO Information

If you are interested in being part of the Elementary PTO feel free to watch the video and fill out the contact form:

[PTO Facebook Page Introduction Video](#)

[PTO Contact Form](#)

Nellie Reed student pick up

Each class will have a designated door to be picked up. Please see the [Nellie Reed Parent Pickup Map](#) to find out where you will pick up your child.

The following classrooms will be picked up in the following areas:

- **Hampton/Haycock/Bauman** - You can pick your child up at the far door furthest from the staff parking lot (near where buses park)
- **Foster/Burns** - Main entrance door
- **Gustafson/Boilore** - By staff parking lot entrance.

Nellie Reed Social-Emotional Support Team

Here is a [link](#) introducing our district's Social-Emotional Support Team. This team is ready and available to help students and parents with any social, emotional, or academic needs.

Masks

Students have done a great job of being safe and wearing their masks while in school. We have had to issue a couple of reminders of making sure the masks cover the students nose. Please help us by reminding your child at home of the proper way of wearing a mask. **Also, a friendly reminder to make sure to wash or replace your child's mask daily.** This will keep your child and others safe.



COVID-19 Screening

As a reminder, families need to screen their student daily before school and not send their student to school if they display any of the symptoms of COVID-19 identified by the CDC, in an Executive Order, or in a local health department order. Symptoms include:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing - NEW or DIFFERENT or WORSE from your baseline of any chronic illness
- Chills - NEW or DIFFERENT or WORSE from your baseline of any chronic illness
- Headache - NEW or DIFFERENT or WORSE from your baseline of any chronic illness
- Sore throat - NEW or DIFFERENT or WORSE from your baseline of any chronic illness
- Loss of smell or taste - NEW or DIFFERENT or WORSE from your baseline of any chronic illness
- Muscle pain - NEW or DIFFERENT or WORSE from your baseline of any chronic illness
- Had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19

Corunna Food Service Free Meals Information

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced schools will be able to serve free meals to all children through December 31, 2020, or until the federal funding runs out.

This means ALL Corunna students are now going to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch!

This waiver allows us to go back and reimburse all students that were charged a breakfast and/or lunch since the beginning of this school year (8/24 – 8/31/2020). This may take some time, so please be patient. If your child was charged for a meal during the first 6 days of school, you will see a credit for this.

Online Students

All online students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch! These meals are available for pick up every Wednesday at the High School. You will need to sign up for the meals. Please click on this link <https://forms.gle/PjRYVYA6QcK1U7Sj8> to sign up for September Meals and learn more.

If you have any food service questions, please feel free to contact Erin Levi at (989) 743-8232

Online Learning Update

Students that have picked the option of online learning will be interacting with their teacher, special education teacher, or specials teacher. Assignments will be made available in weekly chunks and can be completed when convenient during the day. Students must have a caregiver to assist with learning which might mean assignments need to be completed in the evenings or on weekends when a caregiver is available. Instruction by teachers will occur through videos which can be viewed as many times as you or your child needs and/or would like. Teachers will be available to answer questions via email or phone. Parents must understand that communication may be delayed because these same teachers will be teaching to our in person students during school hours. Teachers have been encouraged to respond to all email and phone messages within a 24 hour time period. Parents should plan on coming to the school (roughly once a week) to pick up some learning materials that might be necessary to complete online learning (examples: classroom novel, textbook, math manipulatives, handouts, etc.)

Teachers are required to have two-way communication with students each week to discuss academic progress. Assignments **may be graded and participation through returned work or weekly communication will be monitored for attendance purposes.**

If you were a parent who indicated you didn't have a reliable internet connection, our plan is to load materials onto a flash drive to allow your student to access learning materials without the internet. This would need to be picked up on a weekly basis. We also have wi-fi connection available in all of our district parking lots. Please contact your teacher with any questions.

Online students ONLY - Meals

We are committed to offering healthy meals to your students during their online learning. We will be offering meals to all virtual learners for pick up once a week. These meals are charged the same as if your student would be attending school. If your student attends Louise Peacock, Nellie Reed, or Elsa Meyer they will receive free breakfast and lunch. If your student attends the Middle School or High School, your student will be charged based upon your meal application status of free, reduced (breakfast \$0.30/Lunch \$0.40) or paid (breakfast \$1.50/lunch \$2.75).

Please fill out this survey [Student Meals for Online Students](#) to help us plan and prepare. More details will be sent out on location and exact times for pick up.

Google Classroom - ONLINE LEARNERS

We are not going to start the year using Google Classroom. I want all parents to get comfortable with the format of online learning first. We will slowly introduce families to Google classrooms in the future. Right now everything will be sent by email and anything you are turning in should be emailed to the teacher.

Pesticide Prior Notification

Parents and guardians are entitled to receive notice by mail at least 3 days prior to any application of pesticides. If a Request for Advanced Notification by First Class Mail is preferred, a form must be requested and filled out at the superintendent's office at 124 N. Shiawassee Street, Corunna, MI 48817.

Learning Plans - ONLINE and In Person

Each week in our update we will include the Learning Plan for the Week. You will see the link above the calendar items. This is intended primarily for online parents instruction, but it is also a great way to reinforce learning at home for in-person students. If your child is coming to school each day, you can rewatch videos, do activities, etc. Both in person and online students are working on the same concepts.

School Time

The school day will begin at **9:40 a.m.** and ends at **4:00 p.m.** The doors to Nellie Reed will open at 9:30 am each morning.

Teacher hours

Please be aware that our teacher hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. You can expect that if you call or email that a teacher will respond within 24 hours during the school week and during teacher hours.

Parent Visits

In the past we have always welcomed our parents into the building and encouraged involvement. This year we will be limiting access to individuals that are not students or Nellie Reed staff as a safety measure.

Temperature checks

Parents will be responsible for checking their child's temperature each day before sending their child to school. In circumstances where we feel like a child might not be feeling well, we will use a touchless thermometer to check their temperature on an as needed basis.

Masks

Children, staff, and parents will be required to wear masks at Nellie Reed. It is highly recommended that your child has five masks (one for each day). If that is not possible, masks should be washed on a daily basis. Masks should be worn once a student enters the building and will remain on except for meals or when students take breaks outside. We understand that students may struggle in the beginning wearing masks all day. We will work diligently with students at the beginning of the year to assure they understand the expectation and the importance while still maintaining a fun environment. Please get a style of mask that your child feels comfortable wearing for a long duration.

Lunch/Recess

Students will have 45 minutes in their day dedicated to lunch/recess. During that time they will be with a small cohort of students that will be primarily made up of their classmates. They will be socially distanced at lunch and we will encourage them to socially distance at recess. Students will not have to wear masks at lunch or during outdoor recess.

Lockers

Students at Nellie Reed will be allowed to use their lockers during supervised times. They will be taken out to their lockers in small groups while they are socially distanced.

Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school that is labeled with their name. Students will not be able to use the levers on water fountains. We are in the process of having a touchless water bottle filler installed. Until then, staff will help students refill water bottles when needed.

PTO - We are in need of parents to represent Nellie Reed at our Elementary PTO. Currently parents are meeting virtually. If you are interested, please contact me at jjohnston@corunna.k12.mi.us

Paraprofessionals - We are accepting applications for one-on-one paraprofessionals at Nellie Reed. If you are interested, please contact me at jjohnston@corunna.k12.mi.us

Paraprofessional need to have met one of the following requirements to apply:

- Complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours);
- Obtain an associate's degree (or higher);
- Passed the Workkeys examination or equivalent

Social Media

Corunna High School uses the following social media platforms for distributing information:

- Website: www.corunna.k12.mi.us
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Nellie-Reed-Elementary-1095875213853202/>
- and Corunna Public Schools
- Twitter: @Corunna_Ele
- Apptegy: All of our phone and text messages come through using Apptegy. Please click this [link](#) for more information.

Suggested Supply List for families

- 24 pack of Crayola crayons (2 packs)
- Plastic Supply box
- Dry erase markers(thin tip)
- Large Glue sticks (2)
- Kleenex
- Ziploc Bags (all sizes)
- Child scissors (blunt end)
- Pencils/Erasers
- Personal pencil sharpener (one that will hold shavings)
- Water bottle with flip up top that is labeled with their name (students should not need to remove top to drink)
- Play-doh
- Notebook
- Kleenex
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer - please make sure it does NOT contain methanol (Wood Alcohol)
- Extra of any of these items would be appreciated

