

Green Forest R-II School

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Dear Mustang Family,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! We are so excited to have everyone back in school, and we have planned for an amazing year. As school reopens, we will be implementing our Safe to Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan which plan is a continuation of mitigation strategies that began last year. This plan can be viewed on our website by clicking on the link entitled "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan". Water bottle filling stations are still available in lieu of water fountains, so please send a clean water bottle labelled with your child's name on it each day.

You can help keep our staff and students in school by checking your student each day for signs of illness and keeping them home when they are ill. Additionally, teachers will also be monitoring students for any symptoms. Students who exhibit symptoms will be referred to the school nurse. She will assess them. Following her assessment, she may contact you to have your student wear a mask or ask that your student return home until they are symptom-free. Please comply with her requests to help us ensure that any potential exposure can be minimized for our student body. Also, if you can transport your student to and from school, eliminating the need for him/her to ride the bus, it would greatly reduce potential exposure and the risk of your student being quarantined. Per a federal order from the CDC, everyone riding a bus will be required to wear a mask for entire trip. Masks will be available for any student who does not have one.

Beginning the week of August 30th, we will begin screening all students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades for the reading disability of dyslexia as required by Missouri state statute. Dyslexia refers to difficulty with accurate word recognition, spelling and decoding strategies. Students whose results show that they might be at risk for dyslexia will receive supports and accommodations in their classroom and intervention instruction in the Title I ELA (English Language Arts) classroom. You will receive notification if screening results indicate your child is at risk for dyslexia. Screening results do not result in a diagnosis of dyslexia; they merely indicate that the student may be at risk. All students will be screened again in December and April/May. Children in kindergarten will be screened in December and April/May. If your child is in 4th-8th grades and you would like him/her to be screened for dyslexia, please let us know. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Ms. McClanahan.

Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students again this year due to special funding in the aftermath of the pandemic. However, we need every family to fill out the free and reduced lunch form, in your student packet, whether you think you qualify or not. Very simply put, the more of these that are filled out and returned, the more the school benefits because this drives money through the state foundation formula. So, please complete these forms and return them to the school as soon as possible.

Please remember that the building is not open until 7:30 A.M. Please do not have your children here before this time. **There is no supervision before this time.** Breakfast will be served between 7:40 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. The first bell will ring at 8:00 A.M. all students are expected to be in their classroom by 8:05 A.M. or they are considered tardy. Our dismissal bell will ring at 3:35 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Here are some important dates you need to remember:

Aug. 19 & 23 – Open House (You will be scheduled for a time with your student’s teacher.)

Aug. 30 – School Wide Title I/PTO Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Sept. 1 – Picture Day

Sept. 6 – No School – Labor Day

Sept. 10 – Progress Reports for 2nd-8th

Please especially note the items in the student handbook on the following pages:

8, 31—possible changes to procedures in pandemic conditions,

29 -- MOCAP information,

31—school meal information,

40 – homeless policy information,

50 -- Title I federal guidelines updates,

57 – pick up list and technology survey to be returned to school.

The last three pages of the handbook are perforated to make their removal easier. They should be filled out and returned to school as soon as possible.

Your child’s education will greatly benefit by making reading an important part of your child’s life. Read every evening!! As reading laws continually raise expectations for students, it’s important that children get consistent reading opportunities at home every evening. Make reading important, make it fun, and make it a consistent part of your child’s day! Research clearly shows that a child reading every evening for 20 to 30 minutes can have a profound effect on that child’s reading level.

I am so excited to be joining Mr. Conrad Prugh and the exemplary staff, students and patrons at Green Forest R-2 School. My goal this year is to continue the mission of high expectations, accountability and fun began by Mr. Kevin Prugh and Mrs. Wanda Tatom. I look forward to working alongside you to help your students meet their goals and achieve at high levels. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question, concern, compliment or just want to talk about education, our community or your students. You can reach me by email at kcrocker@gfr2.k12.mo.us or by phone at 573-729-3902.

Sincerely,

Kriste Crocker
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