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Dear Mountain Vista Families,

Thank you for the support that you have provided to your children, their teachers, and our staff this school year. Distance learning has provided a safe opportunity for school to continue during the COVID-19 pandemic but has not been without its own unique challenges. On behalf of our entire staff, we proclaim our sincere appreciation for our Mountain Vista families, we could not have tackled the challenge of distance learning without you.

Last night our Governing Board reviewed and approved the District's recommendation to transition from distance learning to a hybrid learning plan. After a consistent review of research, data, and feedback from our staff, students, and families, we acknowledge that the safest way to welcome students back to campus will be through hybrid learning. As we transition from distance learning to a morning and afternoon session of students on campus each day, the **safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority**. We have created a flexible, responsible, and comprehensive plan for our transition back to campus.

Our hybrid learning plan will allow all students to receive in-person instruction for their core academic subjects. Students will be on campus for 2 hours and 45 minutes each day and will participate in specials, online interventions, and complete extension assignments remotely from home during the other half of the school day. Having half of our students at school at any given time will allow us to socially distance and limit the spread of COVID-19.

Morning In-Person Hybrid Schedule – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM	Students arrive by school bus, parent drop-off, or walk to campus
8:00 AM to 10:45 AM	In-person instruction with classroom teachers, emphasis on academic subjects
10:45 AM	Students load school bus, walk home, or parent pick-up
12:00 PM to 2:45 PM	Distance learning for Specials (PE, Art, Music), small group intervention, extension assignments from classroom teacher, independent practice

Afternoon In-Person Hybrid Schedule – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00 AM to 10:45 AM	Distance learning for Specials (PE, Art, Music), small group intervention, extension assignments from classroom teacher, independent practice
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Students arrive by school bus, parent drop-off, or walk to campus
12:00 PM to 2:45 PM	In-person instruction with classroom teachers, emphasis on academic subjects
2:45 PM	Students load school bus, walk home, or parent pick-up

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Online Learning Schedule – Wednesday, all students

8:00 AM to 10:45 AM	Students learning from home, teachers provide online instruction
10:45 AM to 11:45 AM	Lunch Break
11:45 AM to 12:45 PM	Independent work time

Mountain Vista K-8 School will transition to our morning/afternoon hybrid schedule on **Monday, March 8, 2021**. Enclosed with this letter is a flyer with specific information for your child. Each student has been assigned to either the morning or afternoon session. These assignments were made with consideration to students currently enrolled in our Cares Program, Special Education schedules, and we made sure that siblings within the same household were assigned to the same session.

Be sure to review the following **before** March 8, 2021:

- All students (five years old and older) and staff will be required to wear face masks while they are on school grounds or in a school vehicle. Short outdoor “Mask Breaks” will be scheduled during the morning session and afternoon session.
- Students may arrive on campus at 7:30 AM for the morning session or 11:30 AM for the afternoon session. Students should not arrive before these times as there will not be supervision and staff will be focused on the disinfection of surface areas on campus.
- Upon arrival, students will be offered a “grab and go” style breakfast or lunch. Meals and all food will be enjoyed outdoors. Sharing of food or drinks will not be allowed.
- Transportation will be available for both the morning session and afternoon session. Our hybrid bus schedule is located on our website at www.osd2.org.
- Bus seating will be staggered and spaced as much as possible. As long as weather permits and it is not raining, bus windows will be open for air circulation. Parents are encouraged to provide their own transportation if possible.
- Before students are welcomed back to campus, parents will be required to review and sign the enclosed Oracle Elementary School District COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgement and Disclosure. This is not a waiver, release, or assumption of risk form. This is an acknowledgement of our procedures and expectations. These forms may be mailed to the school at PO Box 1720, Oracle, AZ 85623 or brought to campus on March 8, 2021.

How will arrival, dismissal, and meals work?

- Upon arriving at school, all staff and students will have their temperature taken. Staff and families can help this step be a “second safeguard” by checking temperatures before leaving the house for school. If a student or staff member does not feel well or has a temperature, they need to stay home from school.
- Students will be dropped off and picked up outside the school office, by the front gate.
- Buses will drop off students and pick up students outside the district office.
- Separating students into two groups as they enter campus will help temperature checks be smooth, swift, and organized.

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- Students in the morning session will receive “grab and go” breakfast when they arrive to school and a “grab and go” lunch as they leave campus at 10:45 AM.
- Students in the afternoon session will receive lunch when they arrive to campus and will be given a “grab and go” breakfast to enjoy the following day as they leave campus at 2:45 PM.
- To limit the number of people on campus each day, we will not welcome our volunteers or campus visitors back to school at this time. We look forward to welcoming our volunteers and visitors when we have safely implemented hybrid learning for several weeks.

What will classroom procedures look like?

- Students and staff will be expected to wear a face mask or shield during class time. If a face mask is needed, one will be provided.
- Classrooms, restrooms, surface areas, and school buses will be disinfected between the morning and afternoon session.
- Students and staff will wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entry to every classroom and as necessary throughout the day.
- Student desks will be spaced in traditional rows, with each student facing the front of the classroom. If the classroom has tables instead of desks, chairs will be arranged so that all students are facing the front of the room. Desks and tables will be spaced as far apart as possible.
- To the greatest extent possible, sharing of materials will be limited. If items must be shared, they will be disinfected between uses.
- Teachers will avoid communal storage of items such as backpacks on a shared rack.
- Students must bring their own water bottle daily. All water bottles will need to go home and be washed each day.

What are the Student Health and Health Office Procedures?

- Before leaving for school each day, parents/guardians must assess the wellness of their child. Students and staff must stay home if he or she has any of the following symptoms: Fever of 100.4 or higher, shortness of breath, cough, vomiting, loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, diarrhea, headache, fatigue, sore throat, congestion, or a runny nose.
- Upon campus entry, students' temperatures will be taken. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be required to go home.
- If a student develops symptoms of fever of 100.4 or higher, shortness of breath, cough, vomiting, loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, diarrhea, headache, fatigue, sore throat, congestion, or a runny nose while at school, the student will be isolated until they are picked up by a parent/guardian, or emergency contact. It is imperative that ill students are picked up promptly.
- If symptoms are vague, for example, runny nose or headache with no other symptoms, the health office will contact the parent/guardian to inquire whether the student has had any other symptoms or if there have been any COVID-19 exposures within the home. Based on each individual situation and the parent's explanation of the symptoms, a determination will be made

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as to whether the child will be sent home or will return to class. The school will err on the side of student and staff safety when making such determinations.

- If a student is sent home with COVID like symptoms, he or she will be required to quarantine at home for a minimum of 10 days. However, if the parent produces a negative COVID test or a doctor's note indicating an alternate diagnosis, the students may return to school once they have been symptom free for 24 hours.

What are the general, school-wide procedures?

- In the spirit of safety, field trips will be postponed until further notice.
- The school library will be open each day for morning session students from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM and afternoon session students from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Five masked students will be welcomed into the library at a time to check-out library books. Books will be disinfected before being returned to the shelf.
- Student discipline issues will be addressed on a case by case basis and with the objective of maximizing student time in the classroom each day. Instead of issuing in-school suspension, alternative consequences including community service during non-academic time will be utilized.
- If a student is home sick, they will be able to stay current in their studies and assignments by watching recorded lessons on Google Classroom, submitting assignments online, and interacting with classroom teachers by email.
- If a student is exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, we ask that the parent/guardian contact the school office as soon as possible. Likewise, in the event of an exposure at school, the school will notify parents/guardians as soon as possible and discuss next steps including quarantine, etc.
- If your child will require continued distance learning beyond March 8, please contact Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent at cnehrmeyer@osd2.org as soon as possible to discuss next steps.

Again, thank you for your continued support. We thrilled to safely welcome your child back to campus and a successful Quarter 4. Please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Soule, Dean of Students or Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent with any questions or concerns you might have.

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