

PLES Announcements for October 13, 2020

Two announcements for today:

Bulldog Hoodie Sale: Today, we are kicking off our Bulldog Strong Sweatshirt Hoodie Sale. These hoodies come in blue and gray. Please check them out on our Pine Level Elementary Website and our Instagram. We will be selling the hoodies for \$20 each, and they will be sold in adult and youth sizes.

Virtual vs. Traditional: Our classrooms are beginning to fill up with new student enrollments. After the “PLES Change” sheet that we sent home with Progress Reports last week, it appears that we will have several more students returning from Virtual School to Traditional School.

If your child’s class CANNOT socially distance within the classroom, according to the requirements set forth by the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Autauga County Board of Education, students WILL be required to wear masks in their classrooms as well as when they transition. There will be a designated “mask break” area in the classroom where students will be able to go to if they need a “mask break.” This area will be 6 feet away from any other student or the teacher.

Student will still be permitted to remove their mask when they eat, during recess, and during their P.E. time.

We will take this on a grade-level basis. Not all classes will be required to mask if they can maintain the 6 feet social distancing policy. This will vary due to grade level and classroom sizes. If your child’s grade level classrooms surpass their max capacity of students where social distancing can no longer be maintained, your child’s teacher will reach out to you and let you know that students will be required to wear their masks in the classroom. Again, we will take this on a grade level basis. If the ACBOE revisits this policy anytime during the year, we will inform you of the changes.

We are one of two or three schools that has not already been forced into having students to wear masks all day long. Many other schools in the county began school with students wearing masks in the classroom.

Having said all of that, if you have ALREADY turned in your “PLES Change” form and would like to alter the learning environment you selected for your child, whether it be if you selected Virtual and you want to change it to Traditional OR if you selected Traditional and would like to change to Virtual, please send your child’s teacher an EMAIL. It needs to be in email format so they can easily print it to attach to the sheet you already turned in for documentation purposes.

All PLES Change forms or emails to alter your PLES change form are due by October 30. The new 9 weeks starts November 10. We need a week to make schedule changes so we are ready for the 2nd 9 weeks.

Parents, thank you for your support

-Mrs. Harry