

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL LITTLE RED!!

We are looking forward to a great year!

2020-2021



We would like to welcome all of you to our 20-21 school year.

Santa Cruz Elementary District #28 will follow the CDC (Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/>) behaviors for schools in an effort to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the safety of our Students, staff, and families.

Santa Cruz Elementary District #28 will implement a **hybrid program of 3 +1** for Kindergarten and 1st grade and a **hybrid-cyclical program of 4 + 4 with** a combination of in school classes and distant learning with staggered schedules. The **staggered school schedule** will provide adequate social distancing and facilitate remote learning instruction. Grade levels will be assigned to specific attendance schedules with the remainder of instructional time to be completed through distant learning. During in school sessions, students will remain in a single classroom all day. Teachers will be rotating into the classrooms while the students stay in the same rooms.

Classes will regularly alternate for 2nd – 8th grade between being open and closed, with students staying home for 10 days during closure periods. Students attend school one full week, followed by two weeks of remote learning at home. This school **model** allows the virus to reach peak infectiousness during at-home weeks. While the symptomatic carriers of the virus can be infectious for longer than 10 days, the symptoms can be detected while people are at home, so they and other members can remain isolated.

This model helps limit the unscheduled disruptions caused by a positive case or wider outbreaks in the community.

Families needing meals during distant learning schedules may obtain daily meals from the school during regularly scheduled school days Monday – Thursday.

Assignments will be made and graded such that students attend in-person during assigned weeks and days, and are provided with distance learning assignments and lessons to support them during non-in-person instructional time.

- If you are choosing to continue with our school's hybrid program for the school year 2020-2021, your child's classroom teacher will begin communicating with you the week of August 3rd. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule a parent meeting and student meeting before fully beginning distance learning on Monday August 10th.
- If you choose the distance learning program for the entire year someone from the office will be contacting you soon to guide you through the steps of logging in to those programs.
- Chromebooks will be issued as soon as the school receives and configures them. In the meantime, we ask that you please use the technology that you might have on hand.
- Our first day of full distance learning will be on the **10th of August**.

Kinder	8: 00a.m. – 10:00a.m.	Mon. – Thurs.
1 st grade	8:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Mon. – Thurs.
2 nd – 8 th	grade 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Mon. – Thurs.

- Our school/district will continue to **not have a Friday program** and will only operate Monday – Thursdays from 7:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. with staggered schedules.
- Once we get closer to the start of in person school which will be on **Monday September 14, 2020**, we will be sending out bus routes and will have them available on the school web site for you to review.
- **Schedules starting on Monday Sept. 14th**
 - ✓ Kinder 3 + 1, Kinders will be in school on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 7:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. and on Wednesdays distance learning 8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.
 - ✓ 1st grade 3 + 1, 1st graders will be in school on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 8:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. and on Wednesdays distance learning 8:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
 - ✓ 2nd & 3rd graders, 4 + 4, Students will come to school for four days from 8:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. and will follow with four days of distance learning from 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Mon. – Thurs.
 - ✓ 4th & 5th graders, 4 + 4, Students will come to school for four days from 9:40a.m. to 3:30p.m. and will follow with four days of distance learning from 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Mon. – Thurs.
 - ✓ 6th – 8th graders, 4 + 4, Students will come to school for four days from 9:40a.m. to 2:30p.m. and will follow with four days of distance learning from 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Mon. – Thurs.

- **Staff Changes:**

We are happy to announce and welcome new additions to our staff:

Mrs. Taylor Spence will be our 2nd grade teacher. She has taught 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade.

Mrs. Anabelle Cerezo is our new 5th grade teacher. She has taught in our community for many years.

Mr. Doug Muri is our new Middle School Math teacher and comes with numerous years of experience teaching Math.

- **School Breakfast and Lunch.** All of our students now qualify for Free Breakfast and lunch meals whether talking classes in school or through distance learning. Please log on to our school web site and fill out the form for each child specifying your food selection.
- **Pick-Up Students** must be picked up promptly by the gate and by the parent/guardian or authorized person as stated in the form you fill out the first day of school. Parents may not get off their vehicles to pick up their children. We ask that you wait patiently in your vehicle for your child to come out to you.
- **Birthday/celebration Reminders.** It is our commitment at our school to provide the best academic education we can offer to your children. Our school days are very busy, filled up with academic activities; therefore, we will not be permitting Birthday parties during the year in the classrooms. We **do not permit birthday celebrations** on school field trips as well. These are important child events and should be celebrated at home.
- **Electronics/Cell phones.** Any electronic devices and/or cellphone use by students **is not permitted** on campus, on the school buses, or at Little Red School Activity Events. Please keep all cell phone devices at home or **they will be taken away**. They can and may be taken away for the entire year.
- Please visit our **school web site** regularly for monthly class updates, calendar events, updated news, and lunch menus. www.sced28.com

Cloth Face Coverings

Students and staff are required to wear face shields and cloth face coverings as needed, subject to the health condition exception stated below:

*Any student and or staff member who has difficulty breathing or who is incapable of physically removing the face covering on his/her own will not wear cloth face coverings, must notify Mrs. Romero immediately, and must wear the face shield and alternate methods of protection will be discussed.

Students and staff will be given one face shield and one cloth mask at the beginning of the school year. The employee and student need to bring their face shield and wear it every day. The face coverings are the responsibility of each individual and need to be brought to and from school. They need to be washed and sanitized properly daily before returning to school the following day.

School will have a supply of disposable face coverings if student is not wearing a face shield upon entering the school.

Visitors to School

Nonessential visitors and volunteers at school will not be permitted during the pandemic. Parent volunteers in the classrooms during the COVID-19 health crisis will not be allowed.

Late arrivals

If your child is late to school, the parent will need to call the front office before the child is dropped off to let the front office know why the child was late to school, but the parent must remain in their vehicle and NOT enter the front office.

Student pick-up before dismissal Times

- The parent will need to ring the front office bell and wait at a designated mark outside of the office.
- (Only one person will be allowed in the office at a time)
- After the parent enters the office, the child will be called.
- The parent will sign their child out of school
- The parent and student must leave campus immediately
- The front office will be disinfected before allowing the next person come in to the office

Lunches/Uniforms/homework/books/jackets/shoes

Parents will not be allowed to drop off items to the front office that the child may have forgotten for the day.

Front office will not accept library books, uniforms, homework, tech devices, or any other items the child may have forgotten at home that day. Encourage your child to prepare the day before and make sure they have all their materials ready in one area.

If your child brings lunch from home and they have forgotten it, the school will have lunches available for them at the current family meal rate.

Trips and Activities

- School-wide assemblies must be held virtually with student groups remaining in their classrooms.
- Field trips will be canceled. Teachers may use virtual learning opportunities (such as virtual tours of museums) to enhance students' educational experiences.
- Large-scale school events such as "Open House" or fall festivals will be cancelled during the pandemic.
- Small-scale activities such as parent-teacher conferences will take place over the phone or other electronic means.
- Extracurricular activities such as clubs and sports will be cancelled unless the activity can be conducted in compliance with covid-19 protocols.

Drinking Fountains

Students and staff will need to bring their water bottles labeled with their names from home. Students will be allowed to have water bottles with them in the classrooms to ensure proper hydration and reduce the spread of the infection by limiting the use of drinking fountains at school.

Specialized Classes

Some classes, such as science labs, PE, SPED, Title 1, and others, may require alternative lesson plans to limit contact and the sharing of supplies, and to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets.

Teachers will rotate between the classrooms needing services to provide assistant and students will remain in the same classroom to limit exposure and transmission.

Grades

Students will be given two grades per week for in class assignments, tests, and on line instruction. The two grades are a combination of any of the following; assignments, tests, participation, projects, and other items assigned by the classroom teacher. The grades will be posted and available on school master and username/passwords will be given out to parents during the first progress report of the school year or by parent request.

Front office

Only one person at a time will be allowed in the front office other than the front office staff member. Markings will be placed on both entrance ways to the office signaling where to stand to wait for entrance to the office. You will be made aware of when you may enter the building.

Screening Procedures for Students:

Each student will need to be checked for temperature upon arrival to school and screened for visual unhealthy symptoms. A staff member will be designated at the front of the school upon student arrivals and another staff member by each bus that arrives to school. The students will be screened visually for any symptoms and each student's temperature will be taken with a non-contact thermometer.

If a student's temperature is at or above 99.9 F or has any visuals of the symptoms above, the student will be sent to the front office and sent home immediately. If students develop any symptoms during the day please send them to the office. If the student has health information on file that confirms a diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory condition and the front office observes that there are no other symptoms, the front office

aide will contact the parent to inquire as to whether the student has had any other symptoms or there have been any COVID-19 exposures in the home. If not, the student may return to class.

Staying Home when Appropriate

Please check your temperature and symptoms on a daily basis:

If you have a fever higher than 99.5 F stay home and report it to school right away

If you are sick or have had recent close contact with a person with COVID-19 to stay home

Stay home if you have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms

At HOME

Home is the first point on the screening continuum for both students and employees.

Please notify the school of any symptoms which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste and/or smell to the school and to your health provider.

Employees and students please self-screen every morning for the following symptoms, self-report symptoms, and do not come to school if you exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- fever of 99.9 degrees or higher, or chills;
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- muscle aches;
- sore throat;
- headache;
- fatigue;
- congestion or runny nose;
- cough;
- vomiting;
- diarrhea; or
- new loss of taste or smell.

Note: Schools will not give out attendance awards for the duration of the COVID-19 health crisis.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the second point on the screening continuum. Bus drivers need to use clearly visible signage to communicate the symptoms students should not have if traveling on a school bus.

All buses will have clearly visible signage communicating to parents that students should not enter the school bus with any of the above symptoms.

A bus driver or aide, wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), will visually check each student prior to the student boarding the bus. If a student exhibits visible symptoms, the following steps will be taken:

- If the parent is at the bus stop, the student will return to their parent.
- If the parent is not at the bus stop, the student will be provided with a mask if they do not have one already, and—if possible—will be situated so as to be socially distanced from other persons.
- Bus driver will contact front office and the school will contact the parent immediately and the student must be picked up ASAP.

If a student has a chronic condition such as allergies or asthma, parents should inform staff of that condition. If staff has been so informed, students with symptoms of runny nose or cough should be permitted to ride the bus.

Kinder

Welcome to Kinder-Mrs. Lopez

Welcome to Kindergarten! I'm very excited to be working with your child this school year. I have taught many grade levels including Kinder for many years. I look forward to an exciting school year with your children!

Here is a list of the items your child will need the first day of school.

Kindergarten Supply List

Please be sure that your child brings these supplies to school:

- 1 Box of Crayons (24)
- 1 Boxes of Ziplock Bags (Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon Size)
- 1 Plastic School Supply Box (8"x 5")
- 1 tub of sanitizing wipes
- 1 package of glue sticks
- 1 package of dry erase markers
- 1 set of washable markers
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Backpack

(All other supplies such as pencils and erasers, glue, and Kleenex will be provided by the school. Please no markers, pens, or pencil sharpeners. **No balls or toys allowed**)

1st Grade

Welcome to 1st Grade –Mrs. Hernandez

My name is Mrs. Hernandez and I will be your child's teacher this year. I have been working with children for numerous years and I am very excited to be a part of Little Red. I look forward to meeting and working with your child this year!

Please send your child to school on the first day with the following items:

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 box of Ziplock bags (Gallon size)
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 1 package of 24 pre-sharpened pencils
- 1 pack of 4 dry erase markers
- 1 pack Lysol Wipes and 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- **Backpack**

2nd Grade

Welcome to 2nd grade – Mrs. Spence

My name is Mrs. Spence and I will be your child's second grade teacher this year. I have been teaching for many years, Kinder, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you! Here is a list of the items your child will need the first day of school.

- 24 pre-sharpened pencils No. 2 pencils
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 4 pack dry erase markers (black)
- Sanitizing wipes and one hand sanitizer
- 4 composition notebooks (wide ruled)
- Two plastic folders with pockets
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- **Backpack**

3rd Grade

Welcome to 3rd Grade – Mrs. Franklin

Welcome to 3rd grade! I'm very excited to be working with your child this school year. My name is Kim Franklin and I will be your child's 3rd grade teacher.

I have included the supply list that the students will need this school year. If you are unable to provide the necessary supplies, I completely understand and will do my best to provide them with the materials they will need to be successful in 3rd grade.

3rd Grade supply list:

- Sturdy Standard Size Pencil Box
- 1 Packs of No. 2 pre-Sharpended Pencils
- Pencil Top Erasers
- 1 Pair Scissors
- 4 **BLACK** Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Sticks
- 1 Box Crayons
- 2-Folders
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 tub of Clorox wipes or Lysol Wipes
- 2 Bottles Germ-X
- 3 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- **School Binder**

4th Grade

Welcome to 4th grade – Mrs. Corrales

Welcome back! I am very excited to be starting a new school year and having your child in my classroom. My name is Anna Grijalva, I have been teaching fourth grade for numerous years. Thanks again in advance for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Here is a list of school supplies you'll need for 4th grade:

- **5 one** subject wide ruled Notebooks
- **1** packs of no.2 pencils sharpened
- **1** pack of expo markers (to be used for in class instruction)
- **2** pocket folders
- **1** School Binder

5th Grade

Welcome to 5th Grade – Mrs. Cerezo

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year! My name is Annabelle Cerezo and I will be your child's 5th grade teacher. I am looking forward to an exciting year. Below is a list of suggested materials for 5th grade. If you cannot provide them, I will do my best to see that your child gets what he/she needs to be successful.

- **5** composition notebooks
- **2** packages of #2 pre-sharpened pencils and erasers.
- **1** Pencil case
- **1** pack Expo dry erase markers
- **1** colored pencils
- **1** box thin markers
- **2** pocket folders
- **2** container of sanitizing wipes and **1** Germ-X
- **2** boxes of Kleenex
- binder

Middle School 6- 8

Welcome to 6th – 8th Grade

Middle School students can look forward to an exciting year filled with learning opportunities. Students will be using the latest in technology, as well as the classics, to best acquire the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

Please be prepared with:

- **Binder** (*please buy 2 binders if you can for the year as binders do not last all year and it is harder to purchase during the school year*) *NO backpacks allowed*
- Planner
- pencils, erasers, highlighters
- 6 spiral notebooks (one for each class and 3 for math)
- 2 composition notebook (Science)
- 5 composition notebooks for Social Studies
- Colored pencils
- loose paper
- 2 packs of 3 x 5 note cards.
- Four folders
- 2 box of Kleenex and 1 bottle Germ-X for homeroom teacher.