



East Millinocket Schools

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Dear Parents and Students:

This letter is to make you aware of the changes taking place as we shift from a total remote learning platform to in-person learning. We will be starting in-person learning beginning **Monday, September 28th**. **Please use the screening tool enclosed in this letter before you send your child to school each day.** Opal Myrick Elementary School will begin at **9:30 am Monday-Friday**. Students will be permitted to enter the building no earlier than **9:10 am**. Please be mindful of these times as you drop your child off each day. Students who are walking to school or being dropped off by parents will enter through the 400 wing doors (under the Opal Myrick sign). Bus students will enter the school through our Main (lobby) Entrance. Staff will be outside assisting students with entering our building and ensuring safety procedures are followed. When students enter the school, they will have their temperature checked and continue to their classroom where a healthy snack will be available.

School will be **dismissed each day at 1:55 pm** for walkers and students being picked up. These students will be escorted out our Main (lobby) Entrance by their teachers. We ask that parents park in the parking lot next to the auditorium when picking up their child. Parents, visitors, and outside vendors will not be allowed to enter the school unless given special permission by school administration. Those who are permitted to enter will be subject to proper screening. **Please note that face coverings are required for both students and parents when on campus and be mindful of social distancing practices.** **Bus students** will board buses outside the 400 wing doors and **be in transit home by 2:10 pm.**

For students who will be attending school on the 28th, please be prepared to pass in any work that has been done remotely, completed student information sheets and forms, as well as your school issued electronic device.

For those who opt to continue in a remote learning program, there will be changes to this program as teacher availability and live streaming capabilities will be limited due to students being back in our building. Parents or caretakers will have a greater responsibility to provide instruction and facilitate learning opportunities beginning September 28th. Students must remain in this program for at least 8 weeks unless given special permission by the Principal. Materials and curriculum will be provided by the school on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and support from teachers will still be available by request for remote learners from 7:30 am to 9 am throughout the school year. **Please let the main office know if your child is going to participate in our remote learning program ASAP.**

Teachers will strive to try to keep remote learning content at a similar pace as those attending in person. **With that being said, materials for remote learning will be available in each teachers' Google Classroom for the week of September 28th.** The remote learning curriculum for this week may be light as teachers focus is predominantly going to be on safety procedures and classroom routines for in-person learners. Remote learning curriculum will become more in-depth and thorough once teachers get the first week of in-person schooling under their belts. **The first pick up for remote curriculum materials and instructions will be available after 10 am on Friday October 2nd outside our main entrance.**

School nutrition services will be available for free to all students until December 31st. Lunch will be provided to each in-person learner and breakfast will be sent home with students each day for the following day. Remote learners will be able to access breakfasts and lunches from the school located in your town of residency. For East Millinocket residents who have students enrolled in remoter learning at Opal Myrick Elementary School, meal pick up will be available M-F from 12:00 to 12:30 pm at the side entrance of our cafeteria beginning September 28th. Please call the office to sign up to participate in this program. If you are a Medway resident and a remote learner, please contact Medway Middle School to access their school nutrition program.

It is also important to note that as we move forward with in-person learning options that class assignments and teachers may be subject to change to ensure that current CDC health and safety measures are being met and also to help balance teacher workloads. Thank you for understanding and support as we work hard to ensure a safe and quality educational opportunity for your child.

I know this is a lot of information and a lot to take in. If you need any help or need further assistance, please feel free to call me personally at 746-3511 ext. 102 anytime Monday-Friday. I will be more than happy to help. We look forward to working with children in whatever capacity necessary to ensure they get the quality education they deserve!

Sincerely,

Justin Page
Principal