

August 4, 2021

Dear Thomasville Heights Caregivers,

Welcome back to face-to-face school for the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited about having your children back on campus with us this year. Even though students are once again allowed back in the building for a full day of face-to-face teaching and learning, there are some things that have changed.

**COVID Safety**: Everyone who enters the building is required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth the entire time that they are in the building. The only time masks may be removed is when people are eating or drinking. All students must also answer a set of safety related questions before entering the building. Those questions are:

- Are you sick?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone who is sick?
- Do you feel sick now?

If the answer to all of those questions is "No" students may enter the building. If the answer is "Yes" to one or more of those questions, staff members might ask follow up questions that could result in a parent phone call or a request for parent pickup.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** Doors open at 7:30am and students are dismissed at 4:00pm. If students walk home by themselves OR are picked up by a walking parent, sibling, or approved caregiver, then these students will be dismissed from the FRONT of the school building. If students are picked up by parents or caregivers who are driving, then these students are dismissed from the KIPLING SIDE of the school building near the gym.

**Parents and Guests**: At this time, parents and guests are not allowed in the building unless there is an emergency or they are coming to speak with the main office staff for registration. If a parent or guest is allowed in the building, they must also wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth.

**Meals**: Students must now eat breakfast in their classrooms to ensure that we are able to appropriately distance them from one another. However, since each grade-level goes to lunch on a separate schedule, they may eat lunch in the cafeteria. During lunch classes must sit at their pre-assigned tables. Students are seated in a spaced out manner and the cafeteria tables are sanitized between each use. Students are also monitored at lunch by staff members to ensure that they are behaving in a safe manner.



**Conferences**: We will continue to schedule parent conferences using Zoom this year until it is safe enough to reopen the building to the general public. Conference dates are:

- The week of September 24
- The week of November 12
- The week of March 4
- The week of April 22

You may also schedule time with your child's teacher by using the contact information found on the school's website.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me using my email address, by calling the school, or by speaking with me in person during arrival and dismissal. Thank you for choosing Thomasville Heights Elementary School and please be sure to follow us on our social media channels to keep up with what is taking place at the school.

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