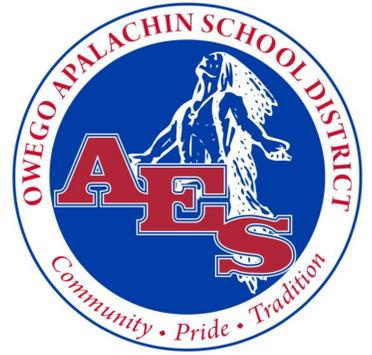


Apalachin Elementary School
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Dear AES Families and Friends:

As you are aware, this year is going to look different than years past. However, it is still going to be a year filled with new experiences, new friendships and opportunities for us to all grow together. This year we have been challenged with unprecedented circumstances as we prepare for the opening of school. Please rest assured that my number one priority as your building principal is to ensure the health and safety for all and provide the best learning experience possible!

Our first day of school will be **Monday, September 14th.**

Arrival Times & Dismissal Times:

- K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade can arrive between 7:20am and 7:40am - Dismissal will be at 1:30pm
Parents can arrive for pickup at 1:20 pm
- 2nd and 4th Grade can arrive between 8:20am and 8:40am - Dismissal will be at 2:30pm
Parents can arrive for pickup at 2:20pm
- UPK can arrive between 8:20am and 8:40am - Dismissal will be at 1:30pm
Parents can arrive for pickup at 1:20 pm

Student Classroom Hours: 7:50 am to 1:30 pm and 8:50 am to 2:30 pm

Students who will be transported by a guardian will be dropped off and picked up by the **loading dock**. Please notice there will be signs, arrows and staff to help direct the flow of traffic in and out. Parents will not be allowed to escort children into the building. We ask that you say your good-byes in the vehicle and keep the flow of traffic moving. We will have adults ready to welcome your child and direct them safely to his or her classroom.

Supervised Area (Sibling coverage):

If you have multiple children at staggered start times, we will have a supervised area for families who would like to bring their children in at the same time. This supervised area will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 am and also from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. This will allow your children to travel to and from school together. If you need to utilize this sibling coverage, please notify my office as well as transportation if you are utilizing school transportation.

If your child is in Pre-K or Kindergarten, please be sure to pin the enclosed tag on him or her for the first few weeks of school. Fill in the bus number on the tag when you receive the information from the bus garage (this will be mailed to you on a separate postcard from the OA transportation department).

Instruction:

We will be providing students with an in-person and virtual options for instruction. You will notice much more of your child's instruction will be done electronically. You can expect the teachers to be introducing students to new

technologies and protocols related to how they are going to be learning before they dive into traditional curriculum. All students will be expected to show up and follow the teacher's instructions. We will be taking attendance for both virtual and in-person students. My expectation is that students in-person and virtually, will be present and give their best effort.

COVID safety practices:

Temperature Checks:

Students will have their temperature taken by a staff member. If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, they will go to the nurse's office for a more thorough evaluation. If it is deemed necessary by the nurse, parents and guardians may be notified to pick up their child. Please be sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date. Additionally, wellness checks by students/parents will happen each day. More information on that process will be forthcoming.

Hand Washing:

Teachers will be helping students with proper handwashing procedures. Hand washing will be built into the daily routine multiple times throughout the day for every student.

Social Distancing/Masks:

Our expectation is students will keep 6ft apart and wear masks. Teachers will provide mask breaks throughout the day. These mask breaks will be at the discretion of the teacher to ensure adequate distance and when deemed appropriate to do so safely.

Visitors:

In order to limit exposure, no unnecessary visitors will be allowed in the building.

Water Bottles:

We are requesting that all students bring their own water bottle each day. This should be labeled with their name. Students will have access to these bottles throughout the day as needed.

If you have more questions, you can visit the OA District web page and APP. There you can find the most up to date information concerning our school opening and events.

As always, you can contact me via email or call the main office if you have any questions. I appreciate your anticipated cooperation. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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