



Junior Eagle Journal

Your Source for News from O'Neill Elementary School
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When last school year ended, we were all hopeful that COVID-19 policies and procedures would be behind us. However, here we are, starting the 2021-22 school year, and there are still precautions we need to take.

While the world has learned a lot about COVID-19, there are still things we are learning. We will continue to do our best to keep things as “normal” as possible throughout the year for our students. As with everything, there will be change, including: classroom layout and social distancing.

However, many things haven't changed. The dedication our entire staff has for each and every student that walks through the doors everyday has not changed. Our commitment to live up to our vision statement, “Dream, Believe, Achieve...” is still there. These are two great places to start.

We are doing our best to teach each student the skills necessary to be successful this year and beyond. We are still focused on both academic and social interventions. While things might look and feel a little different, our commitment has not changed. Here's to another great year.

Thank you,

Mr. Jim York

Principal, O'Neill Elementary School

A Few Announcements...



- Reading and math skills are imperative for future success. Please take time every day to read and/or do a math activity with your child(ren). This can be something as simple as a game of UNO.
- Please remember that students are expected to be off campus by 3:45 pm, unless they are here for Developing Eagles or another school-related activities. If a student is signed up for Developing Eagles and not picked up by 3:45, the student will be sent to Developing Eagles.
- Please call the office if your child is sick or will not be in attendance. This helps us keep more accurate track of excused and unexcused absences.
- Promptness is important! Please make sure your child is IN SCHOOL by 8:00 every morning. Tardiness makes the day difficult for all those involved.
- If your contact information changes, please inform the office. This will make it easier for us to contact you should we need to.
- Please remember if you need to come into the building during pick up/drop off time, you need to park in one of the parking lots. Also, if you are not handicapped, please do not pick students up in the handicapped parking spot.

Eagle Way Minute



So, you're going to the upcoming sporting event with your family and want to enjoy the game. Please remember we are expected to do things the "Eagle Way" at all times. Here are some great reminders about what that looks like:

- Be Safe-Stay in the designated areas. Children stay with their parent/guardians. Walk in common areas, as these areas are busy and full of people.
- Be Respectful-Remember there are a lot of people there to cheer for the Eagles (and probably some visitors cheering for the opponent). Fans want to watch the game & watch a fair game. Cheer for the team, don't berate officials, players, or coaches.
- Be Responsible-Leave your area as clean as it was when you came. Clean up your mess!

A Few MORE Announcements...



- Please don't forget breakfast and lunch is **FREE** to all students again this year.
 - **Seconds will still have a charge, however salad bar is also free for multiple trips.**
- **Breakfast starts at 7:40 and we will close the line at 7:55.**
- **Developing Eagles is open until 6:00 pm. Please be sure to pick your students up no later than 6:00 pm.**

COVID Exposure Protocols

As of right now, the COVID 19 exposure protocols, which come from NCDHD recommendations are a three strike plan.

- When there is **ONE** exposure, all students and staff in the classroom will be expected to self-monitor for COVID 19 symptoms for 10 days.
- If there is a second exposure, all students and staff involved will be expected to mask up and self monitor for COVID 19 symptoms for 10 days.
- If there is three or more exposures, students and staff will learn virtually for 10 days.

****NOTE**** These protocols are subject to change depending on circumstances. We will do our best to communicate with the public as quickly as possible.



Questions to ask besides “How was school today?”

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
4. Tell me about what you read in class.
5. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
6. Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
9. Who did you sit with at lunch?
10. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

Healthy Daily Habits for KIDS

HAIR

Brush or comb your hair twice a day to keep the tangles out. Never share your brush or comb.



TEETH

Brush teeth twice a day - after breakfast and before you go to bed.



NAILS

Keep fingernails and toenails clean and trim them once a week. Bath time is usually best for trimming and cleaning under the nails.

SLEEP

Go to bed at about the same time every night. Spend some time doing a quiet activity such as reading a book or listening to music.



BODY

Take a bath or shower once a day. Wash your hair with shampoo often.



HANDWASHING

Always wash your hands with soap and water before eating, after playing outside, after going to the bathroom and after coughing or sneezing.



CLOTHING

Wear fresh clothes every day, even if your old clothes don't smell. Clean underwear is especially important.





Public Health Recommendations for the Screening, Exclusion, and Re-Admittance of Symptomatic Students and Staff for COVID-19 in Schools

The following symptom screening criteria for ill students and staff is based on the most current research (and will change with new findings). Because people with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness, the following criteria has been developed to assist schools in identifying presumptive positive COVID-19 cases.

SCREENING TEST:

Individuals with two of the following: fever (measured or reported), chills & shivering, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

OR

At least one of the following: new cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste and smell

Students and staff who **screen** positive should be immediately isolated in a designated area and sent home as soon as possible. Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask while waiting, if tolerable. Staff attending to the individual should also be masked.

Re-Admittance to School

Symptomatic staff/student who tests positive:

Exclude until:
At least 10* days have passed from symptom onset
AND fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
AND symptoms have improved
(Household members return 11 days from last exposure, but need to always wear a mask through 14 days)

Symptomatic staff/student not tested:

Exclude until:
At least 10* days have passed from symptom onset
AND fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
AND symptoms have improved
(Household members return 11 days from last exposure, but need to always wear a mask through 14 days)
OR Exclude until:
A provider establishes an alternative diagnosis confirmed by doctor's note **AND** school requirements for readmission are met.
(Household members return upon receipt of sick individual's doctor's note).

Symptomatic staff/student who tests negative:

Exclude until fever free for 24 hours (or meets the school's requirements for readmission)
AND improved symptoms
AND notification of official negative test results
(Household members return upon receipt of negative lab)

Staff/student who tests positive without symptoms:

Exclude for 10 days from date of test. Positive can return if no symptoms have developed.
(Household members return 10 days from last exposure, but need to always wear a mask through 14 days)

Any questions regarding testing out of quarantine, refer to the "NALHD-Quarantine-Timeline" pamphlet.



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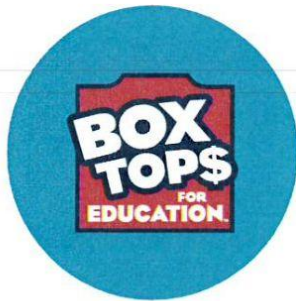
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Upcoming Dates

September 6th---No School, Labor Day

September 13th---2:30 Dismissal, Staff PD

September 15th---Elementary Pep Rally @ 2:45

September 20th---2:30 Dismissal, Staff PD

September 20th-24th---Homecoming Week

September 27th---2:30 Dismissal, Staff PD

September 22nd & 23rd---Lions Club Health Screenings

September 23rd---Miles of Smiles

IMPORTANT