

Letter From the Principal

Dear Carver Family,

As you have heard in the news media, MDCPS is implementing a staggered reopening plan. Carver's starting time of 9:10 A.M. will remain the same. My School Online (MSO) students will continue to access Carver schooling online, following their specific student schedule. MSO students will have to follow the bell and lunch schedule that our Physical (PHY) students are following as we have teachers that are teaching both online as well as physical classes. The new bell schedule will be posted on our website and in effect on Wednesday, October 7th when our sixth grade PHY students return. Seventh and eighth grade PHY students will return on Friday, October 9th. Beginning on Monday, October 5th we will be following the District's new A/B calendar schedule (A day - periods HR,1,3,5,7 and B day - periods HR 1,2,4,6). We are expecting the return to school to be "business as usual" regarding uniforms and lost ID's (please go through PTSA). The big changes all relate to health and safety.

We are counting on everyone's help for a smooth and successful return to the schoolhouse! Starting on the first day back, October 7th, for sixth graders who selected the PHY model and October 9th for seventh and eighth grade students who selected the PHY model, we are asking for everyone's support. The school will have adults that will be posted at many different locations throughout campus to provide direction and support.

What does arrival look like? Students that arrive with a school bus, will enter the school via the Jefferson Street entrance. Parent drop off will occur on Loquat Avenue or Lincoln Drive. School gates open at 8:40 A.M.- **Please do not arrive before 8:40 A.M.!**

Where do students report? Students report to the nearest cafeteria if they want breakfast. Otherwise students report to their homeroom class.

What are the safety policies that anyone entering the campus needs to follow?

- Complete online daily health check before leaving home!
- *Masks Up always!*

"Must knows": Students need to bring their device! It should be charged every night and be open so it can receive updates! Students should also bring a charging cable!

What is the day going to look like? We are going to follow a very similar bell schedule to the current online schedule. Only now we will have 3 different lunch times based on classrooms.

How will lunch look in the cafeteria? Students will be escorted to the cafeteria by their teacher. In the cafeteria students will be sitting much further apart. In line, students must also be 6 feet apart. No sharing of food or beverages at any time!

Restroom policies: Only 2 persons may be in restroom at a time. If 2 persons are inside restroom, other students must wait outside, 6 feet apart. Students will not be able to use the restrooms during passing times but, instead, only during class time.

How does dismissal go? We will have three different dismissal times, five minutes apart. If a classroom has a third lunch designation, students are escorted out of building at 3:40 P.M. by their teacher; if a classroom has a second lunch designation, the teacher escorts the students out at 3:45 P.M. If a classroom has a first lunch designation, the teacher escorts the students out at 3:50 P.M. If you pick up your child, please determine what dismissal area (Loquat entrance or Lincoln entrance), your child will be waiting at. Please pick up your child no later than 4:20 P.M.

What's important to know for the day back? Students must know their homeroom class number, as well as have a copy of their schedule!

Lastly, we are asking that parents to please not enter the school campus before 9:15 A.M. so that we can minimize congestion. If a physical school site visit is imperative, please ensure that all business is conducted prior to 3:00 P.M. so we can prepare for dismissal.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

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