



NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear NES Families,

July 16, 2020

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying our glorious Vermont summer. As you well know, the effect of the pandemic on the decision to reopen school in the fall continues to loom over us. It is my fervent hope that we continue as planned to open according to the AOE's Guidance at Step 2, on August 26th.

STEP 2: Schools are open for in person instruction with enhanced physical distancing measures for children who live in the local geographic area only.

See June 17th AOE Guidelines

<https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-vdh-guidance-strong-healthy-start-school-health-rev-20200617.pdf>

A few words about **anticipated** programming for the 2020-21 school year. PK and Head Start classrooms will hold full-day sessions on consecutive days, either Tuesday/Wednesday or Thursday/Friday. Kindergarten classes will be self-contained with either Mrs. Burke or Mr. Flinn teaching all content areas for students assigned to their classrooms. The first and second grade teaching teams will be divided into teaching pairs: Bean/Parker, Storrs/Hatch and O'Brien/Corrigan. Teaching pairs will provide instruction in their content specialty, either Humanities or Math/Science for both student clusters or homerooms. The third and fourth grade teaching teams will be divided into teaching pairs: Lussier/Rothenberg and Kellet/Clifford who will also provide instruction in their content specialty. Fifth grade students will be assigned to homeroom teacher Ms. Winters or Mrs. Wheaton (formerly known as Ms. Gray). Ms. Winters and Mrs. Wheaton will instruct both students clusters in their content area specialty as well as provide support for 5th grade Capstone projects.

Per the AOE Guidance (see link above), the NES cafeteria and both the gymnasium and mini-gym will remain closed. Breakfast and lunch will be served grab and go style in classrooms. Weather permitting, PE classes will take place outdoors; most other allied arts classes are **expected** to take place in homeroom classrooms or outdoors, weather permitting on a rotating basis.

You can expect to receive a letter with your child's homeroom and teaching team assignment in upcoming weeks. That letter will likely also contain instructions regarding transportation, and required daily health screenings for all students at the first point of contact. Please help the CVSU prepare that social distancing protocols are upheld on the bus by completing the bus transportation survey: [bus transportation survey](#).

We can absolutely reopen NES successfully but we will have to work together to ensure that the new procedures run efficiently and effectively. See [updates to your questions from Superintendent Bollard](#).

We as a community have to agree to adhere to the guidance for reopening school if we are to successfully remain open. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school 455-8700.

Be well,

Principal Russell

Upcoming Dates:

August 26, 2020 1st Day of School

August 26 - 28 and August 31 - September 4 Kindergarten will dismiss at Noon due to Kindergarten Screenings