

Dear Grand Peak Families,

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome our students back for the second semester. Kindergarten through fifth grade students will return in-person this **Thursday, January 7th**, with sixth through eighth grade students remaining in Streaming School until **Tuesday, January 19th**. For the third quarter, we will still continue to offer Streaming School to our kindergarten through eighth grade families that have chosen that option. If any changes need to be made, please contact our Registrar, Marcia Billingsley at marcia.billingsley@grandpeakacademy.org.

Our goal is to continue to remain in-person for the rest of the school year; let's strive to accomplish this goal by continuing to adhere to the following preventive measures. Please remember that **masks must be worn during arrival and dismissal** by all students, staff and families over the age of five years old. **If you choose to not wear a mask, please remain in your vehicle or in the parking lot.** Also, the carpool lane is for a quick drop off and pick up. We will have staff to assist students, if needed in or out of their vehicle. If you choose to assist your own child, please park in the lot and walk your child to the entry or pick up from their designated area.

Arrival:

Before arriving at school, all families should self-screen for COVID symptoms. If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher. | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle aches. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New or unexplained persistent cough. | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing. | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell. | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue. | <input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose or congestion. |

If no symptoms exist, upon arrival on Grand Peak Academy grounds, all students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth.

Students should not arrive on campus until 7:45am due to supervision. Doors will open at 7:45am. Families with students in multiple grades should drop off children at the youngest students drop off area. Students should not congregate with other students or play on playground equipment before the start of school.

Drop Off Locations:

- **K/1st/5th:** Drop off in front of school/gate by Kindergarten playground
- **2nd/3rd/4th:** Main entry doors

Dismissal: Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers will bring their class outside for dismissal. If you are in a car, please make the carpool lane your first choice. We have added additional staff to ensure a safe and speedy dismissal process in all locations. We will utilize the stacking lanes at the entrance for cars. Each lane will be labeled with the grade level. Parents will go to the youngest siblings' lane and pick up location; students with younger siblings will meet outside. Signs will be labeled with grade-levels on posts along the sidewalk. Students who are "walkers" will be released by the teacher as classes go outside for carpool.

- **Kindergarten:** will exit through the K/1/5th doors and remain next to the main playground area
- **1st Grade:** will exit out of the K/1/5th doors and line up inside the kindergarten playground
- **2nd Grade:** will exit through the main entrance and walk down past the Pre-K area and line up at the designated area
- **3rd/4th/5th Grade:** will exit out of the back doors and walk down past the the Pre-K entrance to the designated area

If you have any questions, please contact the front office at 719-495-7360

Sincerely,
Melissa Maldonado, Elementary School Principal
Nicole Parker, Middle School Principal