

Melba Elementary School



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Mrs. Ashli Nelson, Principal

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Dear Parents,

We are gearing up for the 2020-2021 school year! We are all very excited about this opportunity for a wonderful year at Melba Elementary School! We are pleased to welcome three new teachers to our elementary team: Ms. Emily Iverson (1st), Mrs. Carey Yannarella (4th), and Mrs. Kim Woodruff (2nd). I want to take a few minutes and provide you with some information about our upcoming school year.

Reopening-

After gathering responses from the staff and community in regards to the Melba Reopening Framework, Dr. Adams will present the current version to the Melba Board of Trustees for final approval on August 3rd. The category in which the school will be opening (green, yellow, or red) will be determined at that time as well. With the information that we know right now, Dr. Adams will be presenting to the Board of Trustees to begin school in the "green" category. This information will be communicated with you as soon as the decisions have been finalized at the district level.

We have also developed a COVID-19 Student Handbook to provide you information about the revised procedures and routines we will be following in the elementary school. The COVID-19 Handbook will be posted on the school's website upon board approval as well and will also be included in the registration packets. Please note that the routines and procedures may need to be revised throughout the year and will be communicated with you.

Melba Online Learning Environment (M.O.L.E)-

If you plan to have your child participate in online learning this fall, please contact the school immediately so we have this information.

Back to School-

On Tuesday, August 11th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, we will hold our Back to School Night. Due to COVID-19, this event has been revised this year. To minimize such a large group of people gathering, Back to School Night will only be held for incoming kindergarten students and new families to the district.

Kindergarten Students:

Kindergarten students with the last name starting **A-N** are asked to come August 11th from **5pm-6pm**. Those with the last name starting **O-Z** are asked to come between **6pm-7pm**. The student and only one parent will be permitted into the building to go to the classroom and meet the teacher. We are asking that only 2 families in total be in the classroom at one time. Families waiting in the hallway to enter the classroom will be asked to social distance.

Students New to the District-

New families to the district may come to the school August 11th between the hours of 5pm-7pm. We ask that only one parent be present with only the child/ren that will be attending school to meet their teacher. You will be given a map of the school so that you can find your child/ren's classroom. Social distancing will be encouraged.

All Students-

A video from each teacher will be posted on our school's website for parents and students to watch. These videos will be available on Tuesday, August 11th for viewing. The following information will be included on these videos:

- A quick introduction
- A virtual classroom tour
- Explanation of the teacher's procedures and expectations
- A chance to obtain the teacher's contact information

If you have any additional questions regarding these topics, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

First-Sixth Grade Students-

Student in first through sixth grade will have the opportunity to speak with their teacher on the phone! Teachers will be calling each of their students for a **short** phone call on Tuesday, August 11th from 5pm-7pm to get to know one another. It is important that you are ready for your phone call during this time. This is an opportunity for teachers and students to begin establishing a positive relationship. If you have any questions for the teacher, please do not utilize this time. Please contact your child's teacher at another time to ensure each student has a chance to speak with their teacher.

Lunch-

Lunch prices this year will be \$1.80. You may send money with your student or post funds into their account via the Melba School District website. Using the online payment does include a service charge. You may pay with cash or check at the school office, we are not currently able to process debit or credit cards at the school.

Registration Packets-

Registration packets will be sent home with students on Wednesday, August 12th. Please make sure you review the Parent-Student Handbook as well as the COVID-19 Student Handbook and complete all specified items in the red folder. When complete, please send the registration packet back with your child to school.

New School Hours-

Our school hours for the 2020-2021 school year will be **8:00am – 3:50pm**. Please do not drop off students prior to 7:45am – that is when supervision begins. Please remember for the safety of all of our students we would like parents to pick up and drop off their students traveling west on 6th Street or traveling south on Carrie Rex. **Please do not drop off students so that they have to cross the street.** Buses will drop off students at the cafeteria on the north side of the building. If you are unsure of your child's bus route, please contact the elementary school for further information.

School Supplies and Class Lists-

If you are unable to locate the school supply list that was mailed home with report cards, you may access it on the school website (www.msdl36.org). Class lists will be posted on the website as well as at the school office by **Friday, August 7th**.

I want to thank you for all of your help and support! I also encourage you to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My email address is anelson@melbaschools.org. Please watch our website for updates and information.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ashli Nelson
Principal