



Return To School Plan

Spring 2021

Mariposa Elementary School
Principal: Dustin Hackney
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**This plan has been created with current county guidelines and information.
The plan will be updated as new information is available.**



Hello Mariposa Families,

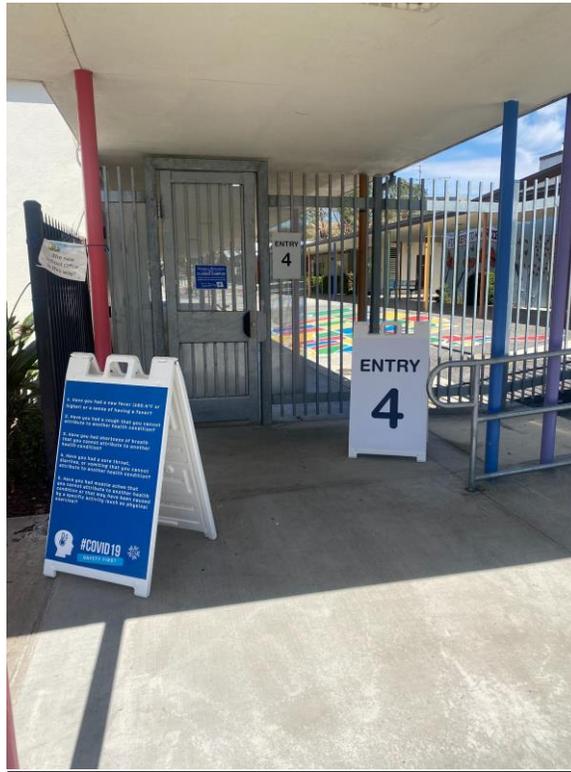
Let me begin by saying how excited we are to have our students return to campus on April 5, 2021. I know it has been a long year for everyone, but we are excited to get students back on our campus. Mariposa is going to look differently than it has in the past, with many safety measures and protocols outlined in this document. Having said that, even with increased measures to keep students safe, we are beyond excited to welcome our students back to Mariposa Elementary School!

This document outlines the Mariposa's Reopening Safety Plan for Parents. It has been created in conjunction with the Redlands Unified School District Re-Opening Plan. Our goals are the same as yours, to provide quality instruction while keeping our valued students, teachers and staff safe.

As always, I am available to answer any questions or concerns. You can reach me at 909 794-8620 or via email at dustin_hackney@redlands.k12.ca.us. One thing that has been made exceedingly clear this past year is that **we** are the required village- **all of us**. I am exceedingly grateful for the on-going support of our school community and the opportunity to move forward.

Sincerely,

Dustin Hackney
Principal



Drop-Off Procedures

- Students can be dropped off prior to their session during the designated arrival and screening time (7:40 - 8:00 for AM session, 11:30 - 11:50 for PM session). *Please DO NOT drop your students off earlier than the designated time slot as we may not have supervision.*
- Parents of Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are required to drop their student off at the designated entry gate.
- All other parents are encouraged to find street parking and walk their students up to their designated entry gate each day.
- Markers will be placed on the ground to designate where students will wait in a socially distanced manner for their pre-screening each morning.

Entry

- Students will be assigned a daily entry gate based on their grade level. The entry gates are as follows (please see map at the end of this document):
 - **Gate 1** - TK/ Kindergarten
 - **Gate 2** - First Grade
 - **Gate 3** - Second Grade, Bus Riders, SDC students
 - **Gate 4** - Third Grade
 - **Gate 5** - Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade

- All siblings will enter at the same gate. Their entrance is based on the grade level of the YOUNGEST student (i.e. if siblings are in 2nd and 5th grade, they will both enter at the 2nd grade entrance).
- When Students enter they will go to the designated area to wait for their teacher to take them into their classroom. While waiting for their teacher, they will be spaced out at least 6 feet apart. *There will be no recess before the school day starts.* We would appreciate it if you could explain to your student(s) that they will need to simply go to the designated area, stay 6' apart and wait. We know how much they will want to visit with their friends and the playground will be calling for them. Please help us help them by explaining the rules prior to the first day.



Pre-Screening Process

- All staff and students entering campus will go through the pre-screening process. All pre-screenings will include visual wellness checks, temperature checks with a **no-touch thermometer**, and the following questions must be answered:
 1. Have you had a new fever (100.4F or higher) or a sense of having a fever?
 2. Have you had a cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
 3. Have you had shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
 4. Have you had a sore throat, diarrhea, or vomiting that you cannot contribute to another health condition?

5. Have you had muscle aches that you cannot attribute to another health condition or that may have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise)?
- The five questions will be posted at each entry point to help you and your child in the process. The student's name, temperature, and answers to the questions will be logged each day into our Raptor System.
 - If a student answers "yes" to any of the screening questions they will be asked to return home, or go to our isolation room in the Office to wait for parent pickup. If a student has a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit they will be asked to go to an alternate entry point to recheck their temperature.

Alternate Entry

- If a student has a temperature above 100.4 degrees, the student will be sent to an alternate check-in location to recheck their temperature. If the temperature still exceeds 100.4, then they will be taken home by their parent or guardian, or taken to the isolation room until the parent can pick up.

Isolation Room

- If a student does not feel well during the school day and exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or has a temperature of 100.4F, then they will be placed in Mariposa's Isolation Room located with the main office. The student will wait in the isolation room until the parent is available to pick them up. The student will be monitored and safely cared for by Mariposa Office Staff.



Face Coverings/ Hand Sanitizer

- All students and staff members are required to wear face coverings upon entry into Mariposa Elementary School. Face coverings will be worn at all times including during periods of transition (in hallways, restrooms, entering and exiting school, etc.), but not while eating or drinking.
- We encourage all students to bring their own face coverings each day, however we have extra masks readily available for all persons on campus.
- We have hand sanitizer available at each entry location as well as each classroom on campus.



Inside the Classroom

- Each classroom is set up to create a 6 foot distance between students.
- Each desk is equipped with a transparent plastic shield for student use.
- Students will have their own set of supplies and materials to use in the classroom. There will be no sharing of any supplies between students.

Exit Plan

- Students will exit through the same entry gate they go through to enter campus, with the exception of bus riders, they will exit with the rest of their class to go to the bus.
- Teachers will walk students out to their designated exit area at the conclusion of each session. These areas will be clearly marked by class while students wait to be picked up by their parents.
- Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten families must sign their students out each day. They will sign students out at the same location they drop them off.



Water Bottles

- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school on a daily basis. They will be able to use our water bottle filler on campus, however drinking fountains cannot be utilized for students.
- If they forget or do not have a water bottle, one will be provided by the school for that day.



Restrooms

- Each student will get one specified restroom break during the day, but students are able to use the restroom as needed on a daily basis.
- Restrooms will be monitored for reduced capacity and have signage to encourage students to wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds.

Disinfecting

- Common areas on campus and bathrooms will be disinfected at least four times throughout each day, including between sessions.
- All classrooms will be disinfected after each session daily to ensure a safe, clean environment for all teachers and students.
- The District has added custodial staff with the specific task of increasing disinfecting of our sites.



Disinfectant versus Cleaning

Disinfecting is spraying down equipment to kill germs on the surface. Cleaning is wiping down the surface with a rag.

Items that will be disinfected multiple times daily include:

- Bathrooms
- Desks & plastic shields
- Chairs
- Doors and door entry mechanisms
- Water bottle filler
- Gates and fences
- Areas such as countertops, door jams, entry spaces, etc. throughout campus, including classrooms

All classrooms will be cleaned on a daily basis.

Grab and Go Lunch

- All students will get one Grab and Go lunch on their way out of school each day. At the conclusion of each session, students will have the opportunity to take a lunch home with them. For PM students, this will be their lunch for the following day before they come to school. *These meals are to be eaten at home, not school.*
- The District-wide Grab-n-Go for a week's worth of meals (24) will be available for pickup on Wednesday's, beginning April 7th at the district pick-up locations. We will alert all families regularly of this option and encourage participation.

Volunteers and Visitors

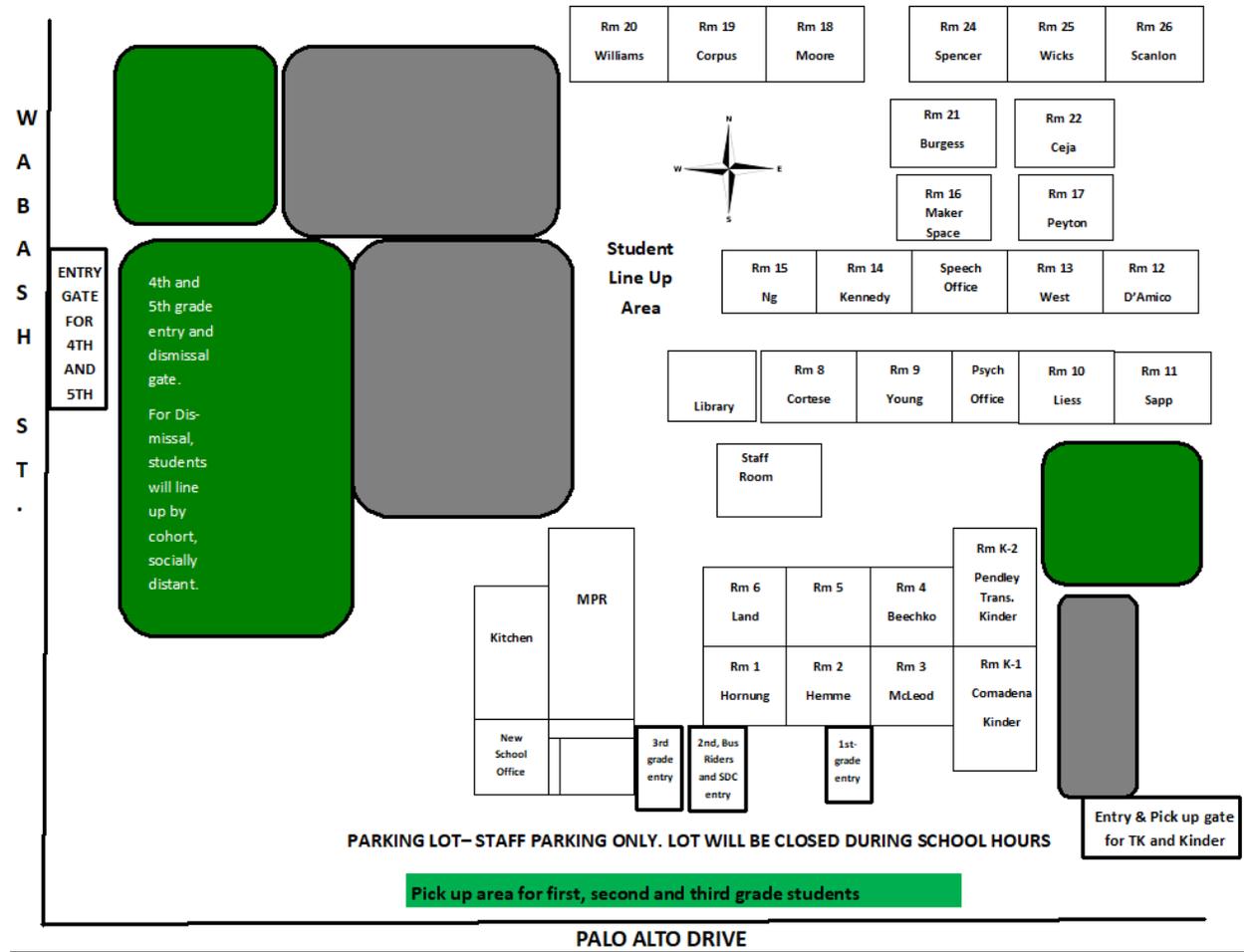
- The Mariposa school community is built on our amazing parent and community volunteers who support our teachers and students on a daily basis. *However, we are unable to have parent volunteers and visitors on our campus at this time.* We do want to make sure that you are made aware of what is happening on campus so please make sure to check your AERIES Parent Portal often as well as our Mariposa website. <https://www.redlandsusd.net/mariposa> Also, our PTA welcomes all volunteers! Please contact PTA President Briana Flanigan at 909 528-7227 or brianflanigan7@gmail.com



Transportation

- Transportation will be provided for our students that have historically utilized transportation on a regular basis. Students receiving general education transportation will be placed in the AM session.
- Students in our Special Day Class (SDC) will receive transportation if needed through the Special Services department. These students can be placed in either AM or PM sessions.

Campus Map



FAQ

- **Is there built in recess during the school day?**
No, there is no recess since the students are only on campus for part of the day, however teachers may utilize outdoor space for students as needed.
- **If my student is on Distance Learning will they keep their same daily schedule?**

No, **all** students remaining on distance learning will follow the PM session schedule with their teacher. This was made in an effort to keep students with their current teachers.

- **Can my student bring a prepackaged snack with them to school?**

Yes, your student can bring a prepackaged snack to school to eat while they are at school.

- **May I walk my student to their classroom?**

At this time, no. We do encourage you to walk your First through Fifth grade students to the entrypoint and do require that an adult walks any Transitional Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten students to the entry point.

- **My student cannot wear a mask due to health concerns, is that OK?**

Face coverings are required for all students and persons on campus, with the exception of medical exemption accompanied with a doctor's note.

- **I am concerned about how my student will be approached if they forget to pull their mask up or hug someone- how are you going to handle this?**

This is a significant concern, and one that I can assure you we have discussed and strategized.

It is my firm expectation that ALL our staff will continue to be the kind, caring adults our students have always known at Mariposa.

It has always been my policy that we are here to guide children in a kind manner. I have arranged for our Counselor Jackie Land to work with all staff to offer strategies to guide all students to safe actions. Mistakes are wonderful opportunities to learn. We've got this!

- **I've always volunteered for the classroom. Is there anything I could do to help?**

I cannot tell you how much we appreciate and depend on that! However, at this time we can only welcome essential visitors on campus, but please know we appreciate you! If you would like to get involved with the Mariposa PTA, please contact the Mariposa office or our PTA president, Briana Flanigan at 909 528-7227 or brianaflanigan7@gmail.com

- **What is the status of Mariposa school staff getting the Covid-19 vaccine?**

With a partnership with Redlands Community Hospital, every RUSD Staff member has been given the opportunity to obtain the Covid-19 vaccine. Currently, many of us are finishing up the second dose. While we cannot require that all staff get the vaccination, I can assure you that a great many have sought out and obtained the vaccination.

- **What can I do to help prepare my child for going back to school?**

Talk with your child about how school will look different (e.g., desks far apart from each other, teachers maintaining physical distance, no recess, etc.). Talk with your child about how school will “look” different and about how interactions with classmates and teachers will change.

Find out how your child is feeling and communicate that what they may be feeling is normal. Anticipate behavior changes in your child.

But above all, assure them that behind every mask, every action, are people and friends who are beyond happy to see them and excited to get back to school with them. School is “different” but not in the most important way.

We are sailing into uncharted seas that no one could have imagined or prepared for.

Redlands Unified School District wants you to know that **your feelings and experiences are valid**, no matter what.

Your feelings are normal - *the situation is not.*