

September 3, 2020

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to all new and returning families to our school. It is even more special to start this school year after what we experienced last Spring! First day of school is Tuesday, September 8. Just a reminder that all precautionary practices we are doing this school year are posted on the Sturgis Elementary site (<http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/sturgis-elementary/>). **Please also go to this site to meet the Sturgis Elementary Staff. Each grade level or department made a welcoming clip for your students!** The District's back to school plan can be found online as well (www.meade.k12.sd.us).

We are starting in level 2 (orange) which will require students and staff to wear a face mask when social distancing is not possible. ***This will be a very small amount of time such as hallways, 1:1, and on the bus.*** Please send your student to school with a cloth facemask and a labeled water bottle. At this time, any visitors to our building will be unable to go beyond the office doors. We believe communication is essential between school and home to ensure your child's educational success. For consistency in our building, all classroom teachers will use the Bloomz communication app to communicate important information and schedule things such as parent/teacher conferences. More specific information to come from the classroom teachers on this. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time throughout the year with questions or concerns you may have.

Chantal Ligtenberg, Sturgis Elementary Principal

BEGINNING OF YEAR FORMS: Pertinent forms will be sent home with your child the first day of school. Please return them completed the following day. This will help us to prepare for the different platforms we may experience this year.

SCHOOL PICTURES: Thursday, September 10. They will come Sept. 14 for the K. students not here on this day.

ENTRY & DISMISSAL TIMES FOR STUDENTS:

	<u>ENTRY TIME / LOCATION:</u>	<u>DISMISSAL TIME/LOCATION:</u>
K	8:10 a.m. Front doors	3:00 p.m. Front door
1	8:10 a.m. First Grade Door	3:00 p.m. First Grade Door
2	8:05 a.m. Staff Brown Door	3:05 p.m. PK Hallway Door
3	8:05 a.m. Front Doors	3:05 p.m. Front Doors
4	8:05 a.m. First Grade Door	3:05 p.m. First Grade Doors

Please drop your student off as close to entry time as possible. All students will go directly to their classroom prior to school. Staff will be monitoring these doors in the morning. Staff will assist students to the locations of their new classrooms. No visitors will be able to enter through these doors Bus students will dismiss out of staff brown door. All doors are labeled.

BREAKFAST: The cafeteria doors open at 7:45 a.m. for those wanting breakfast. Breakfast stops serving at 8:05 a.m. Please note that the breakfast program will not begin until the second day of school.

NEW Year, NEW Look: We have some fresh new colors in our front lobby to welcome students back! We are starting a new "house system". All students and staff, K-4, will be placed in "a house" that they will remain in while at SES. Students can earn points for their house for great things observed.