

# Creston Elementary - School District #9

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Dear Creston Families,

Since early March, we have communicated regularly with families regarding COVID-19. As you know, information changes quickly, and it is often difficult to follow updates. We continue to acknowledge the uncertainties that this pandemic brings and how it impacts our schools, students, families, staff, and community.

School leaders in the Flathead Valley continue to work closely with each other, with local health officials, and with state agencies to safely reopen schools this fall. Most recently, we have assembled an Advisory Council including medical professionals from Kalispell Regional Health, Flathead City-County Health Department, area superintendents, and others to provide us with continued guidance on best practices. We will continue to reevaluate and adjust our plan as needed in order to provide the safest environment possible for our school community. Know that all plans, guidance, and procedures have been developed with safety as our highest priority and that no plan has been developed in isolation.

Three words that continue to guide me as we work through these challenging and unprecedented times together are patience, flexibility, and grace. We are assuming good intentions on behalf of us all, and I know that, working together, we will be able to have a successful school year.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school for a full schedule, five days a week Wednesday August 26. Below are several pieces of important information for your careful review and response.

## **Revised Reopening Plan**

At our regularly scheduled August 13 board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved our Revised Reopening of Creston School document.

## **Guidance and Procedures**

Please carefully read the following:

- [Governor's Face Covering Directive](#) issued August 12, 2020
- Remote Learning Expectations found on page 5 of *Revised Creston School Reopening* document. Please contact the school office to register for remote learning.
- Appendix 6, page 10 of Revised Guidelines for Reopening of Creston School

I am available to discuss any further questions or concerns regarding our plan or procedures. Please know that the safety and well-being of our students, families, staff, and community continue to be our highest priority. Thank you for your partnership and support and for the opportunity to work with your child.

Sincerely,

Tami Ward, Principal