

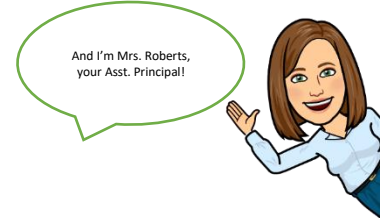


Coosa Elementary School

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Hi, I'm Mrs. Pender,
your Principal...



And I'm Mrs. Roberts,
your Asst. Principal!

October 2, 2020

Dear Parents,

The students are coming back!!!! Yay!!!! We are excited to see students return to the building next week as we kick off our hybrid model.

Coosa Elementary's Reopening Plan: The reopening plan was sent to families last night and can be located on our school website and social media. The reopening plan is a fluid document and will be revised based on DHEC guidelines and district updates. **I encourage all parents to read this plan thoroughly.**

First Day of Hybrid School: Monday/Thursday will look different from past years. In the past, we have enjoyed watching our families walk students to class, take pictures, and blow kisses goodbye. Unfortunately, due to safety measures we are going to only be seeing kisses.

Car Riders: All students will be required to be dropped off in the car rider line. Students with siblings in Pre-K and Kindergarten can walk them to their door, and then head to their own class. We ask that you allow our staff members to open car doors instead of students exiting on their own. In order to keep the line moving as efficiently as possible, we ask that students exit cars on the passenger side to ensure they step immediately on the sidewalk. We will have plenty of adults inside and outside of the building assisting students with finding their classes. I know not being able to walk younger students to class may make some families uncomfortable. I promise, we will get all students to class safely.

Buses: Bus routes for CES are not complete. The transportation department will be completing the bus routes on Saturday. We will send to families through email and place on social media as soon as we receive them. Attached is a draft of the morning routes. Some stops are missing, and the transportation department is diligently working on them.

Breakfast and Lunch: All Beaufort County students can eat breakfast and lunch at school for free until the end of December. If you prefer to have your child bring their lunch this is allowed as well. (no sodas please.) Attached are the breakfast and lunch menus for the first two weeks of school.

Water Fountains: As a reminder, water fountains are not in use at this time for safety. Please have your child bring a water bottle to school. Students will have the ability to fill their bottles throughout the day.

School Improvement Council: It is time to cast your vote for Vice Chair and Secretary of the School Improvement Council. We are thankful that two individuals stepped forward to serve in these positions.



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We are asking all families to take a few minutes to read each candidate's bio and cast your vote for who you feel will best serve in these positions.

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Schedules: Remember, now that we are transitioning to our hybrid model, daily schedules for virtual and face-to-face will align. Virtual and face-to-face schedules will start at 7:45 and end at 2:45. If your child is remaining in a virtual setting, your child's teacher should have given you the revised detailed schedule already.

After School Care: At this time, there will be no afterschool childcare available at Coosa Elementary School.

Hybrid Start: Our hybrid schedule will begin on October 5th. Students with last names that begin with the letters A-K will attend classes on Monday and Tuesday and students with last names that begin with the letters L-Z will attend Thursday and Friday. All students will attend virtual lessons on Wednesdays. On the remaining 2 days, students will complete independent practice assigned by their teacher. Students who remain in the year-long virtual setting, will continue to attend classes as normal.

School Uniforms: We fully expect for students to comply with the BCSD school dress code. However, given current circumstances, we will permit families to make "best efforts" to comply for a period not to extend beyond one week after the start of the hybrid period. Full compliance is expected by October 12.

NOTE: "Best efforts" means that students, if not in full compliance, should maintain attire that reasonably resembles the school dress code.

Virtual Book Fair: We have exciting news! The Coosa Media Center will be hosting a Scholastic virtual book fair during the following dates: **Tuesday, October 20 through Monday, November 2**. The virtual book fair will replace the in-person book fair this year. Please look for more details to come!

Parkers Fueling the Community Program: If you do not have a Parkers Rewards and/or PumpPal Card, we encourage you to sign up and select Coosa Elementary School as your beneficiary. Parkers proudly donates 1 cent from every gallon of gas purchased at any of their stores on the first Wednesday of each month. More information can be found on the Parkers website.

Have a great weekend!

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