

Knickrehm Elementary



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Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school! We are so excited for our students to join us! I want to reassure you and your family that the Grand Island Public Schools, as well as Knickrehm, have been working hard in order to prepare for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Our focus continues to center around the safety of our students, staff, and families. We have taken many measures to keep everyone safe while still maintaining a strong focus on the learning and achievement of our students. Below are some safety measures that we will all follow in order to maintain our health and safety:

- All students and staff are required to wear facemasks while at school or on school grounds.
 - One mask will be provided for every student and staff member.
- We are not accepting any visitors to enter our building.
 - If you have a question or concern, please contact the school and we will be happy to set up a meeting with you.
 - If you are picking up your child during the school day, you will need to contact the office and your child will be escorted out of the building to you.
- All students and staff will follow the safety guidelines of social distancing throughout the school day.
- No outside food will be allowed for any specific celebrations or birthdays.

Please have your child practice wearing a facemask prior to school starting. Tips: have them pick out a mask that they like. Have them wear the mask during preferred activities (watching tv, playing video games) Increase the time they spend in the mask.

Pickup/Drop-off information

Your child's safety is always a top concern for us. It takes everyone- staff, parents, and students working together to keep our pickup/drop-off area as safe as possible before and after school. Please study the enclosed Pickup/Drop-off information and follow the guidelines set forth to ensure a safe school year. Students will be in locations based on grade level. Kindergarten and First grade students will need to be picked-up from the outside doors of their classroom. Door 18 Kindergarten, 17 first grade. You must wear a mask and help us practice social distancing.

Contact Information

Throughout the year, there will be times when we will need to contact you regarding your child. Please make sure to let the front office know of any changes to your contact information. This ensures that you get information in a timely manner and that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Below are some dates to remember.

Knickrehm will host a Virtual Open House on Tuesday, August 11th. Video's from teachers and staff will be emailed out to students and posted to our Facebook page.

School starts August 12th for Kindergarten students at 8:00 with a 2:00 dismissal. School will start for 1-5th on the 13th. Kindergarten students will not have school on the 15th so that they can be placed in the permanent class. School will also dismiss at 2:00 August 14th and 15th. The normal school day schedule

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starts at 8:00 and ends at 3:30 with a 2:00 dismissal on Wednesdays. Free breakfast for Knickrehm students will be served starting on the first day of school. The doors unlock at 7:30 as that is the earliest we can provide supervision for students. **Please do not drop your child off before that time for safety reasons.**

Wednesday, August 12 – 2:00 dismissal Kindergarten only

Thursday, August 13 – 2:00 dismissal, K-5

Friday, August 14 – 2:00 dismissal – No kindergarten

Technology: We are offering a protection plan for your students' devices this year. We will continue to repair any damage from the spring/summer, but going forward after the start of school, students will once again be responsible for any loss/damage to their devices. The protection plan is \$10.00 with a deductible scale of \$20, \$40, \$60 for the first, second, and third incidents, respectively. The plan can be signed up for online at <https://gips.revtrak.net/district-payments/#/v/gips-computer-protection-plan>.

Grand Island Public Schools guiding commitments:

I acknowledge that what is **working today, may not work tomorrow.**

I shall exercise high levels of **flexibility** and **adaptability** to ensure all students, staff and parents are supported to achieve effective learning.

I understand that sometimes I must ignite **innovation** to solve problems and address challenges.

I promise to take **personal accountability** of myself and others to maintain all **safety protocols.**

I know we are navigating new opportunities and struggles daily, so I will share **kindness, empathy** and **gratitude** to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

If you have any questions or need more information, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you!

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