

Steins Pillar Elementary



Hello Steins Pillar families,

Welcome Back!! We have missed you and are anxious to kick off the 2020-21 School Year. As always, your partnership is greatly appreciated. Please don't ever hesitate to call with any questions you have. We are here to serve and support.

School hours for the 2020-21 School Year: 8:20-2:20; doors open at 8:00 for breakfast and arrival.

Bus drop off/pick up is on Fairview and Parent drop off/pick up is in our east side parking loop off Holly St.

Drive slow, be courteous, thank you for your patience and caution

Please do not drop off students at the front of the school on Third or have them cross without an adult.

There is a bike rack near our east entrance. Scooters and skateboards can be stored in the class.

Breakfast and lunch will be in the classrooms this year. There is no charge for breakfast or lunch through at least the end of the year. This helpful offering is thanks to the Federal assistance programs during these challenging times. Thank you for completing a free & reduced meals application still because it helps our school secure accurate funding for student services.

Please note: the shortened day is necessary for our transportation department to be able to drop off elementary students in time to pick up middle/high school students, while following the required COVID protocols. We are still well within the required academic minutes required by the state of Oregon.

Class lists for 1st – 4th grade: Available as a handout during the Drive by Meet and you are welcome to call. 541-416-4230

Drive by Meet and Greet:

Please, come drive by along Fairview St. and meet your teachers! Here is the schedule:

Thursday, September 3, from 5 PM to 6PM. Grade level tables set up with class information to hand out.

- **1st – 4th grade families:**

Our return, in person, is on September 8th. **Unique to Steins Pillar is our return in person of all students in K-4. Since we are a smaller school with fewer than 250 students, we meet the guidelines of opening with all our students.** Please note: we are not going to be able to allow visitors in the building once we are back to school in person. Thank you for your understanding as we follow the state guidelines. The Drive by Meet and Greet will be your opportunity to meet your child's teacher face to face.

- **Kindergarten families:**

In person conferences will be held on September 8th and 9th. A Kindergarten teacher will reach out to you to schedule a time that works for you. Class lists may adjust following conferences to create balanced groups. Your child's teacher will contact you on September 10th or 11th as an introduction and to answer any questions you have. All Kindergarten students will officially start school on September 14th. Conference entrance will be off Fairview with conferences in person following guidelines. Masks or shields 😊

Important startup planning

Please communicate clearly to your student and to your teacher about your departure and pick-up plan is each day but particularly in the first two weeks.

Busing guidelines allow for only one route use. Students cannot get a daily bus pass and cannot make changes to routes. We are thankful to be able to open schools and part of operating the bus routes only allow us to have students on the same routes each day. If more than one destination is needed, other transportation must be provided. Please call the bus barn to confirm busing needs. 541-447-7789

Bring in supplies the first day. If you have a large amount and need to bring supplies through the first week, that is fine. Please label supplies, masks and shields. Label coats, backpacks, hats and any cool weather clothing in the coming weeks.

State guidelines require masks or face shields for schools to operate. There are break areas for students in the class and on the playground to take a break from a mask if needed. Students can have their shield or mask off while eating breakfast and lunch. In all other times of the day, a mask or shield must be worn. The school will supply students with a shield and mask but the shield needs to remain at the school. Shields may be a preferred covering because you can see each other and facial expressions. If you have any questions, you can always call Mr. Bates.

Chrome computers and iPads can be brought back the first or second day of school. Please bring the charging cords. The devices will be serviced and made available for student use. If your student did not have a district provided device from the previous school year, one will be provided. Kindergarten will use iPads and grades 1-4 will use Chromes.

A water bottle with a student name on it will be essential. Drinking fountains are not in use during Covid-19 restrictions. Students will be able to fill a water bottle at a classroom sink.

You are welcome to visit the office staff any time, but until our guidelines change, we will not be able to host visitors or volunteers in the classrooms.

Call us with any questions. We are grateful to be taking this first step to be together.

Most sincerely,

Jim Bates – Your Steins Pillar Elementary Principal

Again, please feel free to contact us with any questions you have. Welcome back!!

Jim Bates – Steins Pillar Elementary Principal