

## **Q & A from Family Survey**

**August 19, 2020**



**Q. When will we find out what teacher my child will have? Will we hear by paper mail, email or phone calls?**

A: Across the district there are still many changes happening with staffing that make it hard to finalize class lists. We anticipate that class assignments will be displayed in ParentVue during the week of September 7th - 11th. During this week teachers will be contacting families as well.

Classes will begin September 15.

**Q. I am concerned about our kids being on a screen for multiple hours of the day. Will the instructions online be limited?**

A: Recommended time ranges have been provided for each grade level. We, too, share your concern about total screen time.

**Q. Are grades taking into consideration multiple kid families and the schedules of Google Meeting times, etc. so they aren't at the same time?**

A: Although we are attempting to limit scheduling conflicts, it will be difficult to avoid them entirely due to the more extensive requirements of Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). There are many additional content areas that were not included in the spring, making it hard to avoid some overlap.

**Q. My child receives Speech and LRC, what kind of support will there be for that?**

A: Individual or small group support will still be provided based on the identified goals in the IEP. This support may initially be provided in a distance format, and, as we are allowed, may switch to individual or small groups meeting for in-person instruction.

**Q. Will the OLE curriculum still have a charter focus or will there be more blending of FR curriculum to aid the teachers in their preparations for this year?**

A: Some aspects of the OLE focus areas will be addressed even in distance learning, but with limited time, and core standards that all students will be learning, there may be less opportunity for some of the in-depth projects around civics, environmental awareness, and technology. On the other hand, there will be some opportunities that we can draw from the unique situation we find ourselves in at present.

**Q. When will the school supply list be posted? And where?**

A: School supply list has been posted on our Forest Ridge/OLE website. Our school supplies were modified to meet the needs of Comprehensive Distance Learning. When it is safe to re-open schools, students can bring their supplies with them to the building. They will not be shared for hygienic purposes.

**Q. Is it possible for students to have social time together? Can we have a parent contact list?**

A: Each class will regularly participate in social-emotion learning (SEL) activities with their classmates. In addition, teachers will continue to provide time for social interaction similar to what many teachers provided in the spring: Monitored lunch meet-ups, time before or after scheduled class meetings for students to interact with each other, sharing times, etc.

We cannot share personal information for other students or parents.

**Q. When is the final "schedule" going to be posted for Salem/Keizer?**

A: A schedule for Forest Ridge/OLE will be shared with families early in September.

**Q. Do we have to use a school issued laptop, or is the one we used in the Spring going to work fine?**

A: Devices that were distributed in the spring will continue to be appropriate for CDL. Replacements will be handled at the school site most likely.

**Q. When can my child receive a chromebook?**

A: More information will be coming out in the next two weeks and if needed, students will be able to pick up a Chromebook prior to the first day of school.

**Q. Will all major subjects be covered this Fall (Writing, English, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies)? Will the workload be comparable to a regular school day?**

A: Our focus will be on core state standards, which limits the scope but ensures that essential skills are still developed. Workload will be similar to a regular school day, but you'll be seeing both the in-class work and the practice or homework, so it might seem like more than you've seen in the past.

**Q. I am worried about understanding and navigating the learning platforms.**

A: A district team is working on a "Parent Academy" to support parents in learning about Canvas (Grades 3-12) and See Saw (Grades K-2).

**Q. Will students be able to pick up their belongings from last year?**

A: Students will be able to pick up their belongings and their needed educational materials for this year. It will happen in a drive through format in our school parking lot on Thursday, September 3rd.

This schedule is as follows:

Incoming 1st graders at: 11:45 am

Incoming 2nd graders at: 12:30 pm

Incoming 3rd graders at: 1:15 pm

Incoming 4th graders at: 2:00 pm

Incoming 5th graders at: 2:45 pm

5th grade graduates at: 3:30 pm