

Ripona Elementary School

Home of the Mustangs



Dear Ripona Family,

We are excited to welcome you back for the 2021-22 school year! It was a busy summer here at Ripona. We have added several new programs and we are excited to welcome many new staff members as well. This is the first year for the Ripona Language Academy which will consist of a newly implemented Dual Language Immersion program starting day one in Kindergarten and First Grade here at Ripona. We are also very excited to open our newly constructed STEAM Enrichment Center which will house our robotics coding program and many other student enrichment activities. Also, the Ripona garden was recently remodeled and looks amazing!

We have updated our COVID protocols and I will be sending you a copy of that in a follow up email. Our school is open for in person instruction with layered safety protocols. These layering protocols are similar to those of last year consisting of continued cleaning practices, hand sanitation and hygiene practices, temperature checks, and masks will be required for students and staff indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Outdoor masks are optional. Ionizers have been installed throughout the campus. If staff or students have symptoms they are to remain at home. Contact tracing and quarantining will continue to follow current Public Health guidelines. At this time we will continue to ask parents to remain outside the gates during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal, and volunteers on campus will be limited. We will make exceptions for appointments and meetings. We will have our amazing Ripona staff walk students to class for the first few weeks of school. All visitors to the school office will be required to wear a mask.

Morning drop off and afternoon dismissal procedures will change slightly. Ripona Elementary School will continue to offer breakfast each morning starting at 7:45am. No students will be allowed on campus before 7:45. Students will eat breakfast in and outside the RAP room until 8:00am when they will be released to the blacktop for before-school recess. Gate 2 will be open at 7:45am for breakfast, all other gates will open at 8:00am. Dismissal times will remain the same, primary grades TK-3 will be dismissed daily at 2:00pm, upper grades 4-8 will be dismissed at 2:00pm Monday and Wednesday, and at 2:50pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Parents are encouraged to review the district academic calendar to monitor school holidays and early dismissal dates.

Ripona Back-To-School Night is Tuesday, August 10th at 5:30pm. Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Meet-And-Greet is Tuesday, August 10th at 1:00pm. Masks will be required indoors for both events. All Ripona teachers will email their student families on August 9th, this email will include an introduction and important classroom information.

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Fridays are spirit days, students wear blue or a Ripona shirt. Teachers will also dress in spirit wear. Please get involved and attend our Ripona PFC meetings to stay informed about everything Ripona, and if you are able please sign up for a shift at the Ripon Recycling Center. Ripona has Thursdays for the month of August, the link to sign up is located on the PFC page and teachers will be sending out the link as well for their specific classroom dates.

This is an exciting time to be a Ripona Mustang and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday, August 11th. Thank you again for your commitment to our students and for your patience, understanding, and support through these extraordinary times. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nate Baroni - Principal