



ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT # 41

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Dear Anderson Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and having enjoyed a wonderful summer with your loved ones. I am reaching out to bring you up to date on our plans for the 2021-2022 school year at Anderson School.

The building is almost complete and we are hoping to have access to it at the end of next week. It is absolutely stunning and is going to be such an amazing space for the Anderson community. Please join us on **Thursday, September 2nd at 4:00** for the grand opening. We will then have students and parents meet their teachers at our **Popsicle Pop In on Friday, September 3rd from 9:30-11:00**. Please note that our classrooms will be a work in progress with the short amount of time to unpack, but the goal of these events is to tour and familiarize yourself with the new building and meet your teacher.

As we enter the 2021-2022 school year, COVID-19 is still a reality in our community. Gallatin County is unfortunately currently at a high transmission rate. Our vaccination rates are at about 65% and our students under 12 do not yet have the option to be vaccinated. In addition, the quarantine requirements in the event of a positive case are less restrictive if individuals are masked. With this information the school board-voted to start with a universal masking policy when inside Anderson School. This means anyone who is in the building must wear a mask. This policy will be revisited at our October 14th meeting. No masks will be required outside this year. I truly appreciate your cooperation with this policy as we work hard to keep Anderson staff and students healthy and in the classroom. Our current Covid Mitigation Plan is available for your reference on the school website.

Visitors will be allowed inside Anderson School for meetings, sporting events, or to volunteer at set times. No drop in or walk in visits or tours are allowed without prior arrangements. This is to help limit exposure, and any needed contact tracing.

I am excited to announce that through a program from the USDA, all Anderson students will have **free** lunch this year. Yes, that is right you will not have to pay for your child's lunch this year. Seconds, a la carte items, and adult meals are not included and your account will be charged for those items. Parents, you may come to have lunch with your child. You will just need to check in at the office, and sit

with them either in the grass outside the gym or our designated picnic table area. A big thank you to Sally and Nick for bringing this program to Anderson School this year.

Anderson School will offer one bus route this fall. We are only able to offer one due to our inability to hire a second bus driver. The single route will not be able to pick up on Cottonwood, Fowler, Johnson, or Cayuse Trail. Exact times of bus stops will be forthcoming after final bus registration is complete. Masks will be required on the bus due to federal law. Our parent drop off and pick up procedure will work exactly like last year and in the same location. If you are picking up your child during the day you will again utilize our [Google Form](#) and you will be able to pull up to our visitor spots in the front of the school.

I am pleased to announce that Anderson School will be providing an aftercare program this year from 3:15-5:45 daily. You need to register your child to access our afterschool program. The cost for aftercare is \$10 per day and \$8 per sibling. Scholarships are available if needed.

Girls in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to play volleyball this fall under coaches Angela Seeds and Jessica Cissel. Practices will start approximately August 30th depending on gym access and smoke conditions. Mr. Olson, our athletic director, will be in touch with more information regarding this opportunity.

Homeroom teachers will hand out registration packets to the oldest sibling in each family at the Popsicle Pop-In on September 3rd. If you are unable to attend the pop-in event, packets will be sent home the first day of school. Please verify all information on hand is correct, pay all fees (sports, tuition, bus, etc.) and return the packets to the front office as soon as possible. Aftercare and bus registration forms will be sent as an email next week.

Thank you all as always for your support. I am looking forward to a terrific school year in our new building. I look forward to greeting you and your children at our grand opening or popsicle pop in. As always please reach out with any questions, comments or concerns.

Fondly,

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