

August 21, 2020

Dear SWES South Campus Families:

I am thrilled to be back as Principal of the South Campus this fall. I will also continue my duties as the district Director of Special Programs & Services. We have some wonderful additions and changes to our staff. I hope that you all have had a restful summer. I recognize how challenging the pandemic has been for everyone and I am hopeful for our Cougars to get back to school as soon as it is safe. I have included details below but wanted to start by letting you all know how excited we are to welcome your children back into our school community for the 20-21 school year.

District Remote Learning Status:

Dr. Moccia, SWSD Superintendent, shared the South Whidbey School District 20-21 Reopening Guidelines and I am going to add these communications moving forward so you know exactly what they mean for the South Campus.



9/3-9/11, we will begin the school year with a **"soft opening"** - **100% Distance Learning Plus Program** - all students will work 100% remotely from home while staff will be working together on planning, assessment and delivering online instruction. Engagement is required by all students.



Beginning 09/14, we will start with a **Hybrid Learning Limited Program** (remote learning for the majority of students), level 3 on our dial - virtual instructional expectations in classrooms begin for all students. Most students will be working remotely and a limited number of special education students and kindergarten students may be on campus.

*Decisions about our SWSD Remote Learning Status will be made in conjunction with the health department and the first evaluation change date is 10/15. Any changes will be communicated to the district at that time.

South Campus Family Orientation Virtual Webinar Assembly:

On the first day of school, **9/3 @ 10AM**, we will be having our orientation. This will be a great opportunity for you to get many questions answered. It will be a webinar format and I encourage families to watch it together so that norms and expectations can be shared and built for the beginning of the school year. It will be recorded and posted if you are unable to attend at that time. The login information is per the following link:

<https://southwhidbey.zoom.us/j/94716722080>

Webinar ID: 947 1672 2080

Passcode: 80075453

Orientation Agenda:

- Welcome and overview of our fall plans for SWES South Campus – Dr. Fankhauser
- Introduction of our new teachers or staff changes - Dr. Fankhauser
- One-on-One Chromebook Program overview and Tech Support Information – Tech Team
- Grading expectations and flexibility

- Attendance expectations and flexibility
- Updates from our school nurse
- Updates from our office staff
- Q&A (please send any questions you want to make sure are answered at the welcome assembly to Megan Robinson ahead of time at mrobinson@sw.wednet.edu). All staff will be on hand to help with Q&A.

South Campus Office Hours:

The South Campus Office will have office hours that are meant to connect families. At any time, you can call the office at 360-221-5100. If we do not answer, we will contact you as soon as possible. We will also have virtual office hours M, T, Th, F from 8:30AM-3:30PM and physical office hours by appointment. Please call or Zoom at the following link:

<https://southwhidbey.zoom.us/j/93941059314?pwd=dllLZjI4R2pzdU4S2Zvb3NOWUsyZz09>
 Meeting ID: 93941059314
 PW: 583653

School begins September 3rd with a “Soft Start”:

You may have questions about what this means. Between September 3rd and September 11th, students and families will be working with their teachers on a variety of programs / activities, including:

- **5-6 Student Schedules:** Student schedules will be viewable and printable from Skyward Family Access by 8/28. If you require a printed copy please reach out to Megan Robinson, mrobinson@sw.wednet.edu.
- **Distribution of Chromebooks, curriculum / textbooks and other learning materials:** All students in South Whidbey School District will be provided a Chromebook for 20-21 so that technology is not a barrier to learning. 6th grade students, please return your Chromebook and check out a new Chromebook. 5th grade students will continue to use their Chromebook they have checked out and will receive an updated Chromebook when they arrive. Please pick up a Chromebook if you don't have one checked out already. Books and classroom materials will be available for families to pick up outside **SWES South Campus Tuesday 9/8 through Friday 9/11 from 10AM-2PM**. Please follow social distancing guidelines and staff directions.
- **Scheduling of Math and ELA Diagnostic Assessments:** Teachers will be reaching out to families to schedule virtual student diagnostic testing in math and ELA. The results of these diagnostic tests will help teachers provide instruction that meets the specific needs of each student.
- **Family Meetings with classroom teachers:** South Campus students will be organized into their homerooms by 3rd period teacher. There will be a schedule of homeroom orientations during the week of 9/8 so that student and family questions can be addressed if needed. Homeroom teachers will be making contact and meeting the social / emotional needs of students. If you have additional questions, please contact Janet Hunter at jhunter@sw.wednet.edu.

Beginning 9/14-Instructional Expectations Start: Instruction in the Washington State Essential Learning

Standards will begin and our class schedule will begin.

- **20-21-Student Daily Schedule (Online Learning):**

- During the time when students are not engaged in direct instruction, they will work on independent instructor directed learning activities.
- Synchronous Learning - live instruction that occurs in real time.
- Asynchronous Learning - learning that is done conveniently at a different time. For example, this fall we will be recording class sessions and posting them in Google Classroom.
- Learning Management System - all courses will be managed and set up through the use of Google Classroom. Most assignments will be turned in and graded via Google Classroom.
- Student Information System - all student information will be managed and set up through the use of Skyward. Please make sure you have access to Skyward Family Access [Skyward Family Access](#) . The Skyward Family Access link can be found under the family tab on the South Whidbey School District website. If you need your family or student username/password please contact Ms. Robinson at mrobinson@sw.wednet.edu.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-10:15	1st Period	2nd Period	SEL Check In	1st Period	2nd Period
10:15-10:30	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
10:30-11:45	3rd Period	4th Period	Independent, Directed Learning	3rd Period	4th Period
11:45-12:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:15-12:45	Student Contact	Student Contact	Student Contact	Student Contact	Student Contact
12:45-02:00	5th Period	6th Period	Independent, Directed Learning	5th Period	6th Period
02:00-2:15	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
02:15-03:30	Intervention / Homeroom	Intervention / Homeroom	Independent, Directed Learning	Intervention / Homeroom	Intervention / Homeroom

- **Periods 1-6:** South Campus students will be enrolled in 6 periods per day. SWA will follow a different schedule, please contact Ms. Cravy or Ms. Gillett for information if you are enrolled in

SWA. This schedule is an instructional schedule for students. It is designed to provide for family flexibility but also to provide for structure and routine which our students need to be successful. Instruction during these class blocks will be asynchronous, and synchronous, and is determined by the instructor in that course. Instructors will be providing outlines, schedules and overview information on our instructional / curriculum plans during their outreach prior to the week of the 14th, so expectations for families and students are clear.

- **Transition:** We recognize that students need to move and be active. This time is built into the schedule similar to if we were in person.
- **Lunch:** Everyone needs to eat lunch!
- **Intervention / Homeroom:** We have built into our schedule regular class meetings with the Homeroom Instructor. This time will be used to support intervention needs of students, social/emotional learning needs, and extension opportunities. They are designed to provide flexibility.
- **Student/Instructor Contact:** Student contact during in-person school is not the same as online. We have recognized this and built it into the plan for staff and students.
- **Independent Directed Learning:** We have built into our schedule regular expectations for students to be engaging in asynchronous learning during this time. We will be setting up structures like Homework Club to support students that require additional support. All students will have learning expectations provided by their instructors and this will be learning done at their own pace.
- **Special Education / 504 Plan** students may have unique needs. Ms. Ward is our case manager for special education and Ms. Hunter is our case manager for 504 Plans. All students will be contacted to discuss plans.
- **Distance Learning Options:** SWES will have two remote learning options.
 - Our regular remote / distance learning program, fully led by classroom teachers.
 - Our South Whidbey Parent Partnership (SWAP) program, that has parents taking a more active role in their child's instructional program, under the direction and support of a certificated mentor teacher. To learn more about our SWAP program –please take the following survey [SWAP Parent Survey](#) and contact Janet Hunter at jhunter@sw.wednet.edu.
- **Attendance:** Our State Department of Education (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) has provided guidance and requirements that all school districts in the state must follow. One of those requirements is related to attendance, so please know that consistent attendance will be required this year. While we are making every effort to work with the needs / schedules of our families (such as having options of attending recorded Zoom meetings if a student is not able to attend live) consistent attendance will be required this year. Our teachers will provide further information / specifics to their families.

20-21 South Campus Instructional Staff:

- Janet Hunter - counselor
- Pam Muncey - ELA and math
- Katherine Mack - will be moving to the South Campus from the North Campus this year. She will be teaching ELA and social studies.
- John Lavasser - will be moving back into the 5th and 6th grade science instructor role at the South Campus from being our garden instructor last year.

- Becky Ward - special education
- Jenny Campbell - social studies
- Tom Sage - physical education, health and social studies
- Erik Stine - teaching math and science
- Chris Harshman - band
- Val Heggeness - art
- Heather Dubendorf - ELA
- Jean Cravy -grades 3-6 in our SWA Program
- Sarah Gillett - grades K-2 in our SWA Program
- Jay Freundlich - we are excited to welcome Mr. Freundlich back to South Whidbey School District. He taught here before but is returning after instructing most recently at the Waldorf School in Seattle. He will be our garden instructor this year.
- Tracy McKnight - Highly Capable Program Cohort with Caryn Ploof
- Val Brown - Technology TOSA / Library Media Specialist

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help support our collective efforts.

Go Cougars!

Best-Dr. Fankhauser

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<http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/Rights.aspx>

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