

KMS Announcements - Monday, September 21st

COVID Update

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Kalispell Public Schools was notified that a student/staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The positive test was confirmed on Saturday, September 19th. According to the Flathead City/County Health Department, all close contacts have been notified and close contacts were given instructions related to quarantine and if there was a need for testing. At this time KMS is still operating and no additional restrictions are in place from the Flathead County Health Department, hence we are open for all staff and children not under restrictions. If you are receiving this letter and have not received a call from the health department then your child has not been identified as a close contact. If you were contacted and advised to stay home, please contact your school to inform them of the isolation so an educational plan can be made during the isolation time. Please note that we will strictly adhere to privacy as deemed reasonable and necessary during a health pandemic outbreak and will not disclose identifiable information of those that have been affected. School officials will continue to monitor the situation and will provide further information if and when it becomes available. For further consultation or questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the COVID-19 24-Hour Call Center at (406) 890-7272. If you have questions about the process please give me a call.

Thanks,

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Student Drop Off / Pick Up Concerns – Front Road

Student safety concerns are occurring during the pickup times at the end of the school day. Cars are currently lining up on both sides of the front road. Parents and guardians please only park on the right-hand curb side of the front road way. There should not be any drop off or pick up of students on the fence side of the front road.

Please comply with the NO PARKING signs on the left-hand side of the front road. If the right-hand side of the road is full, please meet your student in the front parking lot. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe.

Student Drop Off Concerns AM – Back Bus Loop

We are having some issues in the AM where buses are unloading on the left-hand side and bus students are trying to cross the parent traffic. We have asked that all buses unload on the right. Please be aware, some buses have to clean their bus while at KMS before their next route. They are trying to stay out of the way and not block the flow of traffic. Buses are dropping off between 7:30-7:45 am. We would encourage parents to drop off after 7:45 am to avoid the congestion and aid in social distancing.

Heart & Sole @ KMS

KMS is proud to offer Heart & Sole to KMS girls this fall. Heart & Sole is the middle school programming of Girls on the Run. This 8-week program will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:45 in the KMS library; beginning Tuesday, October 6th. This program will empower girls to tap into their strengths and learn new life skills. Due to a generous grant from Applied Materials the cost to participate has been reduced to \$50 per girl; additional scholarships are available. Register at www.gotrflathead.org

Calendar

- October 15th, 16th – MEA, No School,
- Friday, October 30th - End of 1st Quarter
- Thursday, November 5th - Parent / Teacher Conferences, Early Out, 1:30 – 7:30pm
- Friday, November 13th – Early Out, HS Speech Meet, students dismissed @ 1:10 pm
- Wednesday, November 24th - End of First Trimester
- November 25th, 26th, 27th – Thanksgiving, No School