



OCONTO FALLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Commitment to Excellence

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Greetings!

As we prepare for the start of the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, we remain dedicated to providing you and your child with the best educational opportunities in the healthiest environment. Students will return to school five days per week to an in-person learning environment. We recognize that families have questions regarding what the coming school year will entail so our school district has posted information related to COVID-19 on our school district website. This information will be updated as new information becomes available. In addition to our district website, families are welcomed to call our main office with questions or concerns.

General Information

- **Our first day of school for students 5K - Grade 5 is Wednesday, September 1.**
- Students will follow a traditional school schedule, attending in person Monday thru Friday
- Students will see encore teachers (PE, Music, Art, Guidance, Technology) weekly.
- Students will have recess during the day.
- We will follow Board action taken August 9, 2021, stating face coverings are optional, but encouraged for students and staff.
- The district will no longer be using Acellus programming as a virtual learning alternative to face to face instruction. We have partnered with the Rural Virtual Academic (RVA) to provide virtual programming in exceptional circumstances. More information about RVA can be found at the following website: <https://ruralvirtual.org>. If potentially interested, please contact Debbie Woods at the District Office at (920) 848-4471.

Early Release Days

- **On the first and third Wednesday of each month, students will have a two hour early release at 1:15 p.m.** The purpose of this early release is to effectively collaborate as educators to close identified student achievement gaps and to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- **The first early release day is on September 15.** Morning and Afternoon 4K classes will not be held on September 15.
- **Our 4K morning and afternoon classes** will alternate attendance on the early release days. The school day for 4K students on these days will be 7:55 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to eat both breakfast and lunch at school.
 - **Morning classes** will attend school the 1st Wednesday of each month beginning October 6.

- **Afternoon classes** will attend school the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning October 20.

Events

- The District will move forward with planning community activities such as: Veteran's Day, Concerts, All Art's Day, and Grandparent's Day. At this time our intent is to conduct these activities in a face to face manner.
- We hope to start the school year offering as many learning opportunities as we can allow. We are expecting to offer local field trips in as safe a manner as can be done reasonably while maintaining the learning opportunity. Some field trips that involve a high level of risk due to the travel involved may require adjustments and/or alternatives.

Kids Station (School Age Childcare Program)

- Kids Station will be running as in past years. We will be open when school is in session. If a student is ill, parents will be called to pick up their child and the guidance followed during the school day will apply for Kids Station. Kids Station will be open on early release days for families utilizing the program on other days.
- If you would like more information or are interested in enrolling your child in Kids Station, please contact the school office or visit <https://ofpanthers.com/sacc-kid-station/>.

Meals

- Breakfast and lunch will continue to be free at all buildings for all students, while a la carte items and the purchase of a carton of milk to drink with a cold lunch will remain at regular cost.

Online Registration

- Please complete online registration through Skyward Family Access. The online registration process is similar to that of prior years. **All families need to complete this process each year.**
- Online Registration updates all important family information and other pertinent school information. **All Oconto Falls Elementary School families MUST complete online registration by Friday, August 27 (11:59 PM).**
- If you need assistance with this process, please call the elementary office (920)848-4476, ext. 0, to set up an appointment.

Parent Meeting / Orientations / Open House

- **4K Parent Meeting and Student bus Orientation - Tuesday, August 17**
 - Attend at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
 - Meet in the OFES Gym
 - Parents will receive information regarding the 4 Year Old Kindergarten program and upcoming school year.
 - 4K students will participate in a safety presentation that highlights important safety rules of riding the school bus.
 - An ice cream social will be held following the meeting. Sponsored by PIE.
- **5K through 5th Grade Open House - Thursday, August 26**
 - 3:30-6:00 p.m.

- Informal meetings will take place in individual teacher classrooms; parents/students may drop off school supplies at this time.
- An ice cream social will be held in the gym. Sponsored by PIE.

Picture Days

- Thursday, September 8 (Grade 2 - Grade 5)
- Friday, September 9 (Early Childhood, 4K, 5K, Grade 1)

School Day

- **Morning 4K classes begin at 8:05 a.m. and dismiss at 10:55 a.m.** Students whose parents provide transportation to school are to arrive no earlier than 7:52 a.m. and no later than 8:05 a.m.
- **Afternoon 4K classes begin at 12:05 p.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m.** Students whose parents provide transportation to school are to arrive no earlier than 12:05 p.m. and no later than 12:15 p.m.
- **5K through 5th grade classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m.** Students whose parents provide transportation to school are to arrive no earlier than 7:52 a.m. and no later than 8:05 a.m. Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:52 a.m., except in cases of severe weather, when they are allowed inside the entryways.

Teacher Assignments

- Homeroom teacher assignments can be viewed within Skyward Family Access. Adjustments may need to be made to class lists. If changes regarding your child's classroom placement need to be made, they will be communicated with you.

Transportation

- Bus tags will be mailed as soon as they are available. When they arrive, **PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL ADDRESSES ARE CORRECT.** Contact the transportation office with corrections immediately (920/848-4460).
- Please notify Oconto Falls Elementary if you intend to drop off or pick up your child rather than ride district provided transportation.

Visitors

- Visitors and volunteers will be allowed, but must be pre-approved by Ms. Hencsik or Mr. Paris.

In closing, we would like to thank you in advance for your support; we look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,

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