



Hello Bonillas Families and Community Members,

16 July 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. I am looking forward to another year as your principal and serving the Bonillas community. This year is going to be another unique year. I want to first thank everyone for the commitment to return to Bonillas and to continue to be a part of our community. Bonillas is a unique school that is dedicated to the continued development of all our young people as well as our families. I know everyone is excited to start a school year more like what we are used to. I will continue giving out more information as it becomes available. I want to give an update on some important changes that have occurred and reinstatements of prior procedures. Please read carefully through the bullet points below to assist you with your return to school.

- **Teacher Assignments:** Tentative assignments can be found on your Parent Vue account. By the Meet the Teacher event, all assignments will be finalized.
- **Masks:** Per the governor's orders, masks are no longer required for schools. However, it is strongly recommended that adults that are not vaccinated, continue to utilize a mask. For students, it is the parent's choice if they want their child to wear a mask. You will see some staff members with them on.
- **Backpacks:** Students can now bring backpacks to school again.
- **Breakfast:** All students can enjoy free breakfast starting at 8:00 am.
- **Lunch:** All students are welcome to eat lunch at school for free or bring in a lunch box from home.
- **Snacks:** Snacks can be brought from home; however, we are asking students not to share anything with others as a health precaution.
- **Parent Pick up and Drop Off:** In years prior, parents parked and came on campus to pick up their students. We are reinstating that procedure. While the valet procedure this past school year was helpful, it took time to load all students. This procedure was put into place based on the district's regulations. We look forward to seeing parents back on campus again at the start and end of the day. Parents can utilize the parking lots for pick up.
- **Supplies:** Many parents have reached out and asked about supply lists. Teachers will give their supply lists out at the Meet the Teacher event. In addition, that is when you will learn who your child's teacher is for the upcoming year. You will also be welcome to visit their new classrooms. Some general items that can be purchased ahead time include: crayons, markers, colored pencils, back packs and lunch boxes. Supply lists will also be uploaded to our website. We will send messages out once teachers have updated their lists.
- **Start Time:** Students are expected to be in class ready to learn every day by 8:30 am. Please make sure to have your student on time every day so they do not miss out on morning procedures. After three tardies, a member of our family support team will reach out to better understand how we can assist you.
- **Dismissal:** Students' dismissal from school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday is at 2:45 pm. On Wednesdays, we dismiss at 1:45 pm. Please make sure students are always aware of how they are getting home. If there is a change to the pickup procedure, please let the front office know at least 30 minutes prior to dismissal. In addition, we do not dismiss



students from class within 15 minutes of dismissal. For parent pick up, parents utilize the parking lots and enter the grounds through designated gates. The dirt parking lot off swan was closed off by the City of Tucson. If that was your drop off and pick up area, please make alternate arrangements.

- **Absences:** This year is extremely important to your child's growth. With that, it is extremely important they are in school every single day to be successful. Research shows that missing more than 8 days of school can cause significant gaps in a student's education. Please try to schedule appointments or family outings around the school schedule. If a student is consistently absent, a member of the Family Support Team will reach out to see how we can best support you.
- **Transportation:** Did you know that all students living a mile and beyond from Bonillas qualify for free transportation? All you need to do is speak with the front office. The CDC has stated that masks must be worn on public transportation. The district as well as Pima County Health Department is looking into what this means for students riding public school buses. More information will follow once we have a firm decision.
- **Cleanliness:** Measures are still in place to keep students clean and safe at school. We will continue to practice our thorough cleaning and sanitization procedures that were effective last year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to reach out.
- **Uniforms:** This past spring we discussed changing our uniforms to limit the number of colors. Unfortunately, we did not have a huge parent response. We will approach this again in December. The uniform will remain the same as years past for the time being. You can find our uniform policy on our school website or contact the school if you have any questions.
- **Volunteers / Visitors:** Parents that want to volunteer are welcomed back on campus.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, August 3rd:** Kinder Meet the Teacher 10:00 – 11:00 am
- **Wednesday, August 4th:** Meet the Teacher for all students 10:00 – 11:00 am
- **Thursday, August 5th:** First day of school

Again, thank you for your commitment to Bonillas. We are so excited to begin this year in partnership with you. I am proud to serve as the principal of the school and am excited to be part of the great things that are occurring here at Bonillas.

All my best,

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