Prairie Valley Independent School District

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Dear Bulldog Family,

The document attached along with this letter is our Reopening Action Plan in response to the COVID19 pandemic. It goes into full detail of the protocols in place to ensure the safety and health of our staff and students of Prairie Valley ISD. This Action Plan is just that, a plan. We plan to communicate, educate and reinforce appropriate actions to ensure our safety. We must abide by our governor's executive orders, while keeping our students' safety and freedoms in mind. Please know that our entire staff has worked tirelessly to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year and we plan to make this year the best one yet.

There are so many important things to go over with you! I will list them below for your convenience.

I ask that you read the Reopening Action Plan very carefully and consider what is the best choice for your child's instructional format for the first six weeks. Please go to the link below for the Instructional Commitment Form. This will be due no later than Tuesday, August 4th. This date is one week prior to the beginning of the school year, which is August 11th. Please visit this link for each individual student within your household. If you choose Virtual Learning, you will be contacted by Mrs. Sadler and the appropriate teachers to determine your connectivity and plan of action. Please thoroughly read the action plan and then go to this link for your Instructional Commitment Form:

https://forms.gle/ar4gdGgMWYXTVV5S7

2. Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th. We will host this on a staggered schedule. Times are listed below for your student last name alphabetical assignment. Please make every effort to be here during your assigned time. However, we completely understand that the time assigned may not work for your family. There are alternative times available from 4:00-6:00. If none of these times fit your schedule, please email me so that I could set up a time for you to come on a different day!

1:00-2:00	Letters A-F
2:00-3:00	Letters G-L
3:00-4:00	Letters M-Z
4:00-5:00	Any junior high or high school student not available during assigned time
5:00-6:00	Any elementary student not available during assigned time

- 3. Four Day Week Schedule is a go! Despite COVD19 setbacks, we are forging ahead with the approved calendar. It can be found on our website at <u>www.prairievalleyisd.net</u>. Please note that there are multiple weeks, especially at the beginning and end of the school year that we are in school 5 days a week. We want to get reacquainted with our students at the beginning and then prepare them for state testing in the weeks after spring break. Also, many Mondays are holidays. Please just keep a copy of our school calendar handy! We strongly suggest keeping your child at home on Flex Mondays when possible to limit possible COVID19 exposure for an extra day. However, we understand if that is not possible. So, we will still be open, as planned, doing some awesome and enriching activities with those that need to come on those flex days!
- 4. Sports- The UIL sent guidelines just this week, so we finally have something by which to plan our schedules. The start date for volleyball and cross country are as normally planned! However, we are not allowed to participate in volleyball tournaments. This is very disheartening, as tournament play was one of the most memorable parts of a player's year. But, we are just so thankful that we get to have a season and we will be flexible! Our gym capacity must be at 50%, which still allows us for plenty of room for spectators. Spectators will be screened at the door with a general "checklist" of questions.
- 5. A normal school day- what will it look like? We hope as normal as possible!
 - a. Our new bell schedule is 7:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. The extra 40 minutes was added on so that we can implement our new 4 day calendar!
 - b. If your child rides the bus, the Lake bus will arrive at 7:25, the Spanish Fort bus will arrive at 7:30, and the Town bus will arrive at 7:35. If you drop your child off or the student drive themselves, we ask that you do not drop off until 7:35. Your bus drivers will be in contact with you prior to the first day of school!
 - c. Breakfast will be served in the elementary classrooms and designated areas for JH and High School, as to provide appropriate social distancing during this congested time of day.
 - d. Lunches will be in the cafeteria for Elementary and JH, and in designated areas for High School, but times will be staggered to allow more room.
 - e. PE, ag classes and athletics will be as normal as possible, with the size of our gym, ag barn and playgrounds being plenty of room to social distance the students.
 - f. Our classrooms will be set up so that desks are separated as much as possible, but still be an effective and inviting environment in which to learn!

That may just be enough info from me for now, don't you think? 😇 I am so ready to see your children and their smiling faces! Hopefully, we will all be together sooner than later! Please email me or call the office with any questions!

With Love to You All,

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