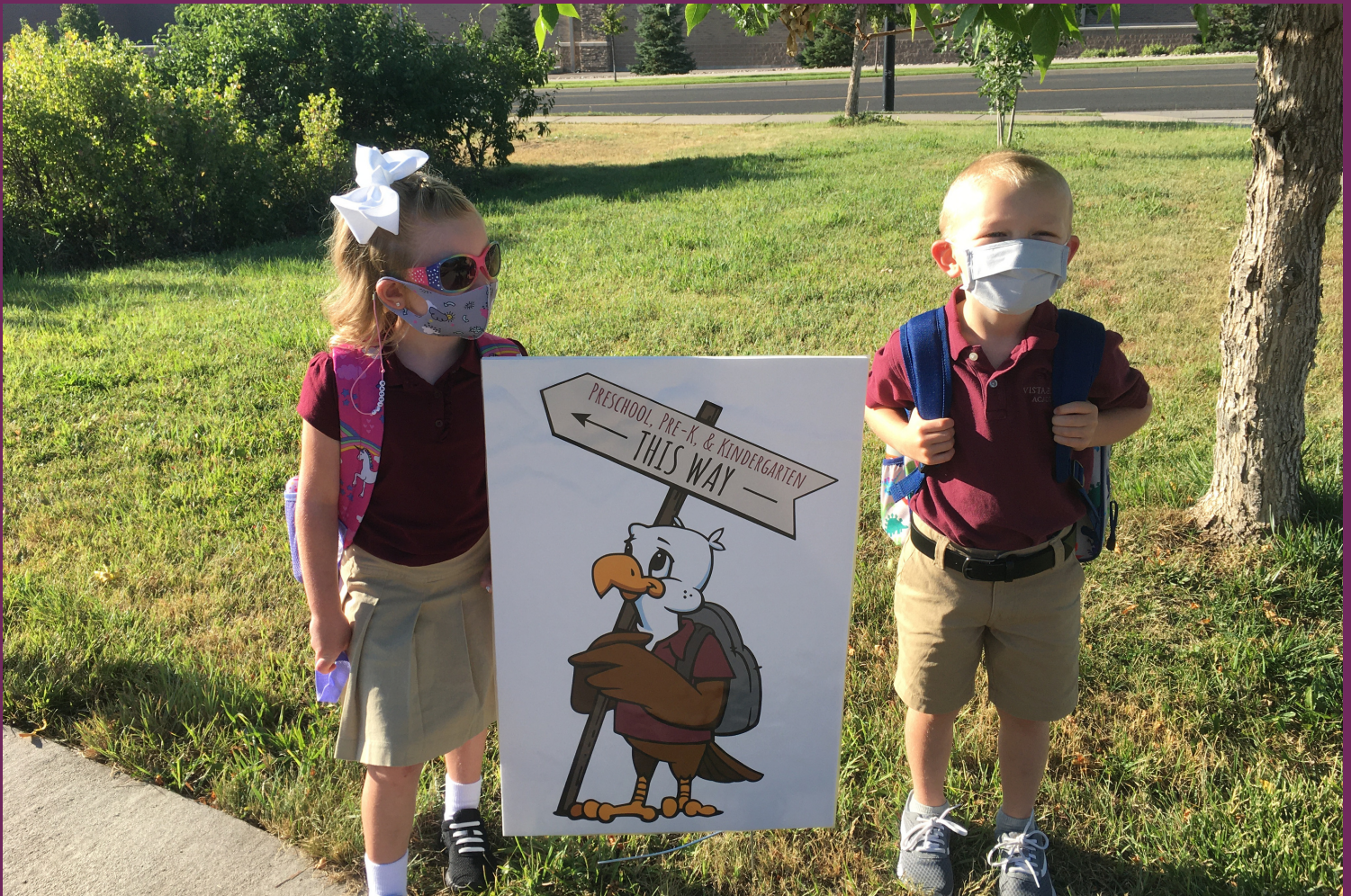


→ 2021-2022

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN



VISTA RIDGE
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School Plan 2021-2022



"I can't thank you enough for making in-person school happen this year, and doing it in a thoughtful, responsible way. It is so vital to our kids' emotional health and overall well being. We feel very lucky to be at VRA. Let's keep up the safety protocols as covid numbers creep back up in Colorado!" -Parent, 2020-2021 school year

Last year, because of the amazing support of our Vista Ridge Academy families, we were able to offer in-person learning as we navigated the pandemic. We continue to face COVID-19 and a working group of administrators, teachers, board members, and parents with specific expertise in the medical and educational fields met this summer to develop plans for 2021-2022.

Our efforts will continue to focus on minimizing risks to our students and employees by following public health guidelines and keeping our school community safe. We are proud of how well we have protected the nest and look forward to another great year.

Sandy Hodgson

TEACHING PRINCIPAL (5TH & 6TH GRADE)

IN-PERSON LEARNING

At this time, Vista Ridge Academy is planning for in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. While this is our plan at this time, the evolving nature of this pandemic will require us to remain flexible as we plan for the start of the school year and beyond. The governor's office, as well as our local and state health departments, could issue new orders at any time that would require us to alter our current plans.

COHORTS

Students will be in cohorts based on their classroom.

- Preschool
- Pre-K
- Kindergarten
- 1 & 2
- 3 & 4
- 5 & 6
- 7 & 8

Cohorts will function independently from all other student cohorts with some exceptions:

- When students eat lunch inside they will eat in their cohorts. When students eat lunch outside they will be able to eat with other cohorts physically distanced.
- Students may play with other cohorts during outdoor recesses.
- For Friday Chapels, students will sit within their cohorts in the gym with all cohorts present.
- Students may participate in our Big Buddies program. For example, the 5 & 6 grade students may meet with the Preschool students for special programming.

REMOTE LEARNING

While we are excited about in-person learning, we recognize that circumstances, i.e., quarantining, may require us to shift to remote learning.

Should students need to transition from in-person learning to remote learning, families will be notified through our FACTS SIS communication system.

We recognize not everyone is home with their children during the day, and many who are, have additional responsibilities and may work from home during this time. We will work with families to provide individual accommodations as needed.



PROTECT THE EAGLES' NEST

As we welcome our Vista Ridge Academy students back to campus, we will do so with wise, data-driven guidelines that will ensure a healthy, safe, and secure environment for every student. COVID-19 will continue to be part of a new "normal" for the foreseeable future, so we have made plans that enable us to continue to deliver an excellent, adaptable education that can withstand any challenges the new year may provide. We plan to protect the eagles' nest by practicing the following protocols:



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

As best as possible, students will be spaced in a 3 foot distance within the classroom. Students are encouraged to be eagles wings a part from other students.



HAND HYGIENE

Upon entering the classroom and throughout the school day, students will wash their hands. Hand sanitizer is available in the classrooms, entrances and hallways.



FACE MASKS

All staff and students in grades Preschool through 8th grade are required to wear masks in the school building. Mask breaks will happen throughout the day, i.e., recess, snack-time, lunch, etc. Students needing a break are encouraged to communicate with their teacher. Masks will not be required outdoors.



STAY HOME WHEN SICK

Upon entering the school building every day, students will be asked if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. We are asking anyone who does not feel well please stay home until its nature can be ascertained.



AIR CIRCULATION

Our air changes 10+ times per hour in occupied spaces. The room air is completely changed out 10 times every hour.

Our air circulation is in accordance with ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers) and is endorsed by the EPA and health agencies.



CLEANING

Staff at Vista Ridge Academy are trained in best practices for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting. Cleaning schedules have been modified to further enhance protections.

Special attention will be given to high touch areas such as handrails, handles, and table-tops, and sanitized daily using FDA approved cleaning supplies.



HOT LUNCH

Vista Ridge Academy plans to offer hot lunch service for the 2021-2022 school year contingent on finding enough volunteers to run the program.

Students will go through line one cohort at a time and take their lunch back to their classroom or outside to eat.

SPORTS

Vista Ridge Academy plans to offer after school outdoor sports during the 2021-2022 school year for grades 5 through 8 contingent on sister schools and volunteers to run programming.

We intend to start with soccer and will evaluate if we can add indoor sports, i.e., volleyball and basketball.

EXTENDED CARE

Vista Ridge Academy plans to offer Extended Care for the 2021-2022 school year contingent on parent demand and hiring an Extended Care leader.

Extended Care will be available Monday through Thursday from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS

For the beginning of the school year, the building will remain closed to outside visitors which includes family members of students.

Volunteers will be invited on campus by invitation only. All volunteers must wear masks inside the building during school hours.

Extras at VISTA RIDGE ACADEMY



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