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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer in this crazy, new world we live in! We at Ashland District School are excited to begin the new school year with the students. I also would like to take a minute and provide you with some information on the upcoming start of the school year.

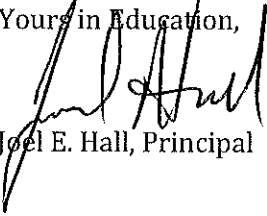
School officially starts on **September 8, at 7:45 AM**. We are very much looking forward to having a great year with the students. The goal of our school is to provide each student with a challenging curriculum appropriate to his/her academic & ability level. We believe every child can achieve academic success. With parents and teachers working together as a team, we can ensure the success of every child.

Under the current COVID Return to School guidelines, we are under the GREEN status and will have a full return. Under this plan, there are a few requirements and notifications to be reminded of:

- Parents are required to do a pre-check of any student intending to attend school prior to arriving or getting on a bus. If any student exhibits symptoms on the checklist, **please keep them home**.
- Students on the bus must be masked for the entirety of the ride. There are no exceptions to the Governor's mandate for transportation.
- Students must wear a mask during the school day unless a doctor's note indicates otherwise. We suggest that each student bring several to change throughout the day. We will have a supply here at school if a mask breaks or a student does not have one available. There will be breaks throughout the day to give each student a short respite from the masks.
- Please take the time to fill out the opening paperwork accurately and quickly. Communication will be critical during these trying times.
- Students should not arrive at the school before 7:30am.
- Further details are listed in the full ADS Return to School Guidelines. You can read a copy on our Facebook page and our website [www.sad32.org](http://www.sad32.org). You can also call the office for a physical copy to be sent to you.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much we are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. We missed them terribly last Spring and a return to some normalcy will be good for all of us. Ashland District School will continue to work hard to make our schools safe and effective even under the current conditions. It should be a great year and we are anxious to once again serve as leaders for our school and communities.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel E. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Joel E. Hall, Principal

## At Home Health Screening Tool for Students

Parents/Guardians: Please review this screening tool **before** school **every morning** for each of your school-aged children. This tool is for your reference only, **do not** send it to school.

Is your child experiencing any of the following symptoms?

- Feeling unwell
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever-like symptoms such as body aches, body chills and/or sweating
- Temperature over 100.4 degrees F or 38.0 degrees C
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Chills or repeated shaking from chills
- Runny nose/congestion
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child is experiencing any of the above listed symptoms, keep your child home from school and contact your medical provider for further instructions.

**\*\*If any of the above-listed symptoms are sudden or severe,  
seek immediate medical attention.\*\***

Please indicate yes or no next to the following statements:	Yes	No
Has your child taken cough/cold medication and/or fever reducers such as Tylenol/ibuprofen today for the above listed symptoms?		
Has your child been tested for COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks?		
Has your child student had close contact* with someone with a <u>confirmed</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?		
Has your child had close contact* with someone with a <u>suspected</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?		
Has your child traveled by air or traveled out of state in the past 14 days? If yes, please contact the school before arriving on campus.		

\*What counts as close contact?

- Your child was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes
- Someone in your home is sick with COVID-19
- Your child had direct physical contact with the sick person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- Your child shared eating or drinking utensils with the sick person
- The sick person sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on your child

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, keep your child home from school. Contact your medical provider for further instructions.