

The Paw Print

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Registration

It's that time of year, again, and for some of us it seems later than normal!

All returning students will register online through Aeries Parent Portal, as we have done the past several years. The Aeries Registration window is open August 15th - August 31st. Please, print the emergency card, sign it, and drop it by the K8 or email it to Tracy, mgsadmin@mcn.org. If you need help printing the emergency card, please call the office, 937-0515. For those that do not have an Aeries account, you will find directions on how to create an Aeries account attached with this email.

For all new students, including TK/K students, you will need to register with a paper packet. Packets are available to pick up from the K8 office Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 2:00. Please contact Tracy with any questions, 937-0515.

As you can imagine, we will not hold our traditional Registration Day due to COVID-19. We are working with LifeTouch to see what our options are for school pictures. More to come on that soon!

Back-to-School!

Please reach out to Cecilia, cjimenez@mendocinoused.org, at our Family Resource Center if you need help with back-to-school clothing or materials. Mendocino Coast Children's Fund has donated clothes, backpacks, and shoe vouchers. Thank you to MCCF for all of your support for our students and families!

School Lingo

Homeschool

When you register with the state of CA to be a private school. You are not associated with the public school and are responsible for all curriculum.

Independent Study

An MUSD alternative education program. You meet once a week with an IS teacher. Curriculum is provided by the IS teacher and is different from the school site.

Distance Learning

Enrolled with the K8 and follows K8 standards and curriculum, but is done away from the school campus. Daily interaction with teachers.

Distance Learning

I know many of you have questions about what our distance learning program will look like. Staff is returning a week early (8/17) in order to prepare their learning management systems and help plan daily schedules for schooling. Teachers will be in contact over the next week to communicate their schedules. See below for other details:

Instruction: Students will have daily live interaction with teachers.

6th - 8th grade will be self-contained, meaning students will have one teacher to connect with for all their course work.

Chromebooks: Chromebooks are available to those families who requested one with our phone survey. If we missed you and your child needs a Chromebook, please call the office, 937-0515. Chromebooks can be picked up in the office the week of August 24th.

Learning Management Systems: Each teacher will develop a learning management system that includes a website for easy access and parent information. Learning management systems are applications used to deliver instruction such as Google Classroom, Class Dojo, Google Sites, or Seesaw.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken daily during distance learning this year.

Grades: Students will be issued grades in accordance with our standards-based report cards each semester.

Family Engagement Team: We have a new Family Engagement Team who will help keep students engaged in distance learning. Teachers and families will be able to refer students to the team for additional support.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Monday's pick-up will have meals for Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday's pick-up will have meals for Wednesday and Thursday.

COMING TO THE K8 OFFICE?

The Mendocino K8 School office is open for in-person visits Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 2:00.

- * Wear a mask whenever visiting school campuses.
- * Practice social distancing - 6 feet apart!
- * Remain home if you are sick.

