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Gibson Goldminers,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year at James Gibson Elementary School. How exciting to be returning to live instruction with great expectations for student growth and achievement. It is our staff's desire to work closely with you to recognize the talents, skills, and gifts of your child. We know that to do that effectively, we must have a strong relationship with both you and your child.

We welcome your dialogue, perspectives, and knowledge of your child and his or her needs, both academically and socially; please help your child's teacher by maintaining regular communication. Celebrate successes that your child will have this year as we work together to provide an enriching and satisfying educational experience that will meet his or her individual goals.

Speaking of goals, we are excited to continue our World Series of Reading program this year. This program is designed to instill good reading habits by exposing children to popular reading series where familiar characters and settings *hook* our students, making them want to read more and more and MORE. Students will be awarded points for reading each night and have the opportunity to "build a line up" through our incentive program. Gibson's only homework is thirty minutes of nightly reading because independent reading is the **ONLY** homework assignment that increases student achievement in all content areas for elementary students. It is vital that your child reads every day.

While we are excited to welcome back our students, procedures at school remain different than what they experienced prior to school closings. Your child may arrive as early as 7:40 a.m. through his or her assigned arrival gate for a free breakfast ([see school map](#)). Every student is provided time every morning from 7:40 - 7:53 a.m. to eat in the classroom. At 7:53, students will clean up and watch morning announcements until 8:00 when our academic school day begins. Unfortunately, families are not permitted to be on campus at this time, so please be prepared to leave your child at the gates. Staff will be on hand to assist your child to the classroom. The gates will be locked at 7:53 at which time your child will need to enter the school through the front office. If your child arrives after the tardy bell at 8:00, you will have to secure a mask and escort your child into the office to fill out tardy paperwork.

Again this year, our students are being afforded free lunch. Students may choose to eat the free lunch provided by the school or bring their own lunch. Students will have 20 minutes to eat and 15 minutes of outdoor time. During outdoor time, students will have different structured activities to participate in each day.



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After lunch and break time, children will return to their classrooms for the remainder of the day and will be dismissed at 2:11 p.m. throughout various exits of the school. Your child will use the same entrance and exit location for the remainder of the school year. Be sure to designate a pick up spot where you will meet your 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade child(ren) at the end of the school day. The Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade teachers will release your child when they make eye contact with you outside the gate. Please be patient the first few weeks of school as dismissal may be delayed due to our staff getting used to identifying you from a distance and ensuring that every child is safely dismissed. It is important that families remember to wear masks and remain socially distanced when dropping students off and picking them up from school.

Free supper will also be served at Gibson from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. on days the school is open. All children from ages two to eighteen may receive meals; they do not need to be enrolled in a CCSD school to qualify for free supper.

As you prepare your child to return to school, the following is important to keep in mind:

- All families need to complete a quick health screening each morning to check for any symptoms of Covid 19 (cough, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, fever of 100 or higher, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, congestion, fatigue, headache, runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea). Children with any of these symptoms should be kept at home.
- On the way to, from, and at school, your child must make every effort to remain distanced (stay three feet from other students and six feet from all adults, avoid close contact with others, and avoid large groups of people). In addition they must wash hands frequently and avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
- Anyone who is on campus must wear a mask. Masks must be worn at all times on CCSD sites. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth. Face shields, gators, and scarves are not acceptable.
- Your child will receive a CCSD issued Chromebook. It must be charged every evening and brought to and from school each day. We recommend all students use a backpack to transport materials to and from school.

Although we have many safeguards in place, if a student tests positive for Covid-19, the entire class will be quarantined. The District keeps in close contact with the Southern Nevada Health District and makes decisions based upon CDC Guidelines and recommendations. The health and safety of our students and staff remain a priority as we continue this journey of education during this pandemic.

Important information will continue to be sent electronically this year, so it is imperative that you keep your contact information on the Infinite Campus system updated and that you read emails. As always, communication between teachers and families is a priority. You will also find information and community opportunities on our school website www.jamesgibsones.com but please be sure to reach out to your teacher with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,
Jill Keith