



Dear Midland Families,

Please read the accompanying Superintendent's Welcome Letter to Families. After months of pivots, planning, and preparation, we are ready to open the 2020-2021 School Year!

It will be a journey like no other and we know it won't be perfect but we are so excited to begin engaging with our students virtually and in person. We thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding throughout the spring and over the summer. We have been working hard to make sure that we are prepared to provide our students with the best learning experience possible.

On Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> we will distribute supplies, materials, Chromebooks/iPads and textbooks to all students. Please plan to come to the Midland Elementary entrance and we will greet you at your car.

What parents/guardians need to bring:

- Your ID
- Any library books, textbooks or other school materials not turned in last year

The schedule is being determined as we are confirming enrollments and you will receive an email with details by Wednesday. Evening hours will be available on Thursday for families that cannot come during the school day. Login instructions and teacher Schoology, our distance learning platform, access information will be provided with the materials. All students will receive a Banker's Box with everything they need inside. No one other than staff will be allowed to enter the building at this time.

All students are expected to participate in distance learning using the Schoology platform. Attendance will be taken daily and the district attendance policy and Colorado attendance law will apply.

Student work will be graded and students will earn grades as if in a traditional learning environment. Schoology will be linked to Q, so we are asking families to support student learning by routinely monitoring student attendance, missing assignments, and grades using the D11 App or directly in Q. If you need assistance with setting up your account, contact [Patricia.Donovan@d11.org](mailto:Patricia.Donovan@d11.org).



Our school schedule is very similar to a regular school day. Students will start everyday with their teacher in a morning meeting and end everyday gathered together again for a send-off. Lunch is one hour to allow time for neighborhood students to come to the cafeteria and get lunch then return home for distance learning in the afternoon.

Grade level teachers will be reaching out over this next week to check in with you, answer questions and ask about how we can support you. Students will not be expected to spend the entire school day on the computer. Teachers are building their grade level schedule with a variety of activities on-line and off-line. Each teacher's Schoology will have their specific schedule for you to follow. Attached is a sample schedule.

We will offer breakfast and lunch to our students every school day. Neighborhood students may come to the school and pick up breakfast and lunch and take it with them. Students who are at school for small group special population instruction on Tuesday and Thursday will eat at school. More details with specific times will be sent as the details are finalized.

Thank you to everyone in our community for asking questions, expressing concerns and supporting our school. You make the difference at Midland Elementary!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Newton".

Karen Newton  
Principal