



R. F. Pettigrew Elementary School

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August 7, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2020-2021 school year is rapidly approaching, and it is time to get everyone ready for a terrific school year! The information you are receiving today and the information you will receive in the future will provide you with an outline of our plans for Pettigrew School's plan for our Return to Learn this month. Please understand the information we provide you with at these junctures is our understanding of **all the information we have AT THIS TIME**. One thing this current pandemic has taught us all is that things can change very rapidly. We at Pettigrew School will try to get you as much information as you need in as timely a fashion as we can, so your family can make plans and preparation to join us for successful school year.

Our Open House will be held virtually this year. You and your student can join your classroom teacher online on **Tuesday, August 25 at either 10:30 am or 5:30 pm**. It will also be recorded for you to view at a later time, if these times don't work for you. The primary goal of this online experience is to provide you and your student(s) with a welcome to and an overview of the classroom. We also will be providing you an introduction to and training on **SeeSaw**, our new on-line learning platform that will be used in the classroom. Should our school, classroom or district enter **another one of the learning formats**, we all need to be prepared to use SeeSaw to learn, as well as have arrangements made for either of the **4 possible learning schedules**. Learn more about these formats at this [link](#). **School Supplies** this year be brought with students on their first day, and they will need to carry them into the school, as **parents will not be allowed into the school building**. Families with Kindergarten students will be getting additional information about the arrangements we will make for them to meet their teacher.

Training for the SeeSaw platform will be provided to families on-line during the Open House times mentioned above. If a family would like to attend a face to face training only on SeeSaw, this will be provided in small groups to each family in this format: Only **ONE ADULT** may **ONLY attend ONE SESSION** with your classroom teacher of the youngest student in your primary household. These will be scheduled and will be subject to availability, per the requirements of the size of our small groups. The times these will be available will be: **Tuesday, August 25 at 8:30 am, Tuesday, August 25 at 1:00 pm, (If needed) Tuesday, August 25 at 3:00 pm, and (If needed) Wednesday, August 26 at 10:00 am**. Scheduling information will come from teachers on **Thursday, August 20**.

On-Line Registration should be completed by this time. If you have not, it could jeopardize you student's placement in a classroom. Please go to this site to complete this important process:

<https://parentview.sf.k12.sd.us/campus/portal/siouxfalls.jsp> If you have submitted this information and you have changes to your address, phone numbers, e-mail address or emergency contacts since you submitted, please contact the school to update that information

Free and reduced lunch program information will be available, again this year. The applications are available at this link: [School Lunch App](#). It is preferred to do this application online, as it saves time and is more efficient. You can also find it by visiting the school district's home page, go to Parents, then Child Nutrition Services page



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(this is where menus can be found as well). Parents/Guardians who are eligible for this benefit may fill the form out in any of those formats and submit it or return it to school at their earliest convenience. Child Nutrition Services will again be using the MySchoolBucks program which allows parents to have easy access to their child's school lunch account on-line. It is found at this link: [My School Bucks Link](#). SFSD encourages families to use this service, as it reduces issues with exchanging actual money at the school site, and can allow parents or guardians to monitor these accounts more accurately.

We will have two first days of school! They are Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th from 8:10 to 2:55. Students will be split into **Teams A or B** based on the first letter of the last name of the oldest student **IN THE DISTRICT** residing in the primary household.

Team A will be families with the oldest student's last name starting with A – K and will attend school on Thursday, August 27 and will be home on Friday, August 28

Team B will be families with the oldest student's last name starting with L – Z and will attend school on Friday, August 28 and will be home on Thursday, August 27.

Families with students only at Pettigrew may be asked to change teams based on the alphabetic disbursement of students in a given classroom, in order to maintain the intent of the process to have 50% of a given class students attending on a given day. **More information about this first day, our school procedures and our coming and going safely practices will be e-mailed to the same e-mail addresses receiving this letter on Friday, August 14.**

Class assignments will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 19. To find this information, find Infinite Campus on the Parents tab of the district webpage, or follow this link: [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) . Once you log into the portal page, find schedule on the left-hand side.

If you have questions about the upcoming school year, feel free to call our office at 362-3560. We look forward to a GREAT school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Dick".

Kevin Dick
R. F. Pettigrew Elementary Principal

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Jennifer Van Duyn
Administrator Intern