Over the last two months, we have experienced a start of a school year like none other. The excitement of walking onto campus to begin the new year was disrupted due to COVID-19. Students, parents, and teachers found new and creative ways to experience school in a virtual setting. The metrics in Arizona and Pima County are improving, and the Vail School District is preparing to move into the Hybrid Phase of learning. As outlined in Superintendent Carruth’s letter on September 8, *The purpose of the hybrid phase is to welcome students on campus, but physically distanced as much as possible and/or keeping them in the same groups throughout the day. This is made possible by the reassigning and restructuring of classes and teachers.*

The purpose of this communication is to share the plan for Hybrid (in-person) learning and Brick to Click, where families can continue to keep their students home until we move out of the hybrid phase. We fully acknowledge that neither model is what we hoped for for our children, but we also understand it’s the next step to moving back to full in-person learning. Although getting back to “normal” may be far away, we know we must take some hard steps to get there together!

The first step is for parents to read through the information below and carefully make a decision on whether Hybrid or Brick to Click will be right for your child. We respectfully request that parents commit to their choice until the time comes that Arizona moves out of the hybrid phase. Lastly, please complete the linked survey by Sunday, September 13 to make your educational choice for your child(ren). I am available to answer questions you may have about the choice between Hybrid and Brick to Click.

**Hybrid Learning** (in-person) is different from our traditional school schedule. Below is what you can expect from Copper Ridge’s Hybrid Model.

- Students will come to school Monday through Thursday from 7:35 am - 1:10 pm to receive in-person instruction in Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- Students will participate in one hour of learning from home Monday through Thursday.
- Fridays, all students will learn remotely from home. Friday is similar to our current remote learning asynchronous time.
- Our goal is to keep students together in classroom cohorts of 20-24 or fewer students, reducing the interactions between different cohort groups.
- Keeping cohorts under 25 students is made possible by the reassigning and restructuring of classes and teachers. It is our intention students return to their originally assigned teacher when full in person learning resumes.
- Specific grade levels may need additional teachers and specialty area teachers will be used to support and teach at an assigned grade level. In this event, students will remain in their cohorts, teachers will instruct in a specific content area to all students and teachers will rotate rooms.
- Grade levels may have variations of this model.
- Specialist classes will be on hold as our specialist team will be instructing at other grade levels.
- Parents will be asked to sign the “Parent Acknowledgment Agreement” that will be sent [via email from eSignGenie](mailto:email) from the District Office next week (please see detailed information attached).
Safety precautions for our on-site learning can be found on our website and is included in this newsletter. Precautions include:

- Families will need to complete the Daily Home Health Screening Checklist before arriving at school.
- Temperature checks for all students and staff will be implemented before students enter a school building.
- All students and staff are required to wear cloth face coverings with the exception of recess when physical distancing is possible.
- Students stay with their assigned cohort/homeroom at recess and lunch.
- We will have slightly staggered pick up times for all students. (More information to come)
- Bus riders will arrive when the bus drops them off. Bus schedules will soon be posted to our website and the Vail Transportation Department will be sending out additional information to parents.

**Brick to Click** is a strong option for parents that are not prepared to send their child(ren) back to school. Below is what you can expect from our Brick to Click Model at Copper Ridge:

- Students will still use Schoology to access their lessons in Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies.
- Synchronous times with their teachers will be adjusted during the day.
- *Synchronous* times will now be two times per week for 30 minute blocks (times may be adjusted depending on grade level) and two 30-45 minute blocks on Fridays for ELA and Math instruction.
- Teachers will maintain connections with our students, provide direct instruction, and guided practice during synchronous times at all grade levels.

If you have a child who receives special education services, services will continue during both the Hybrid and Brick to Click models. Students and families will be contacted by their case managers.

If you are ready to make your choice for the hybrid learning phase now, please feel free to do so [here](#). I encourage you to call or email me if you have any questions. *Homeroom assignments will be released on or before Thursday, Sept. 17 by your child’s teacher.*

Respectfully,

Erica Irby  
Principal  
520-879-3704  
irbye@vailschooldistrict.org
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Vail School District is working closely with the District’s general liability insurance provider, The Trust, to notify families of a new COVID-19 liability insurance purchased by Vail School District that becomes effective immediately. The new COVID-19 liability insurance offers Vail School District and other Arizona school districts coverage for any COVID-19 issues or claims.

A requirement of the new COVID-19 liability insurance coverage is that a parent or guardian of each student must read the attached form entitled, COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement and Disclosure.

It is important that you read this form carefully, initial all sections, sign it, and return it to us BEFORE the start of hybrid-learning when students return to school.

At a time when so much misinformation is circulating, we want you to clearly understand your responsibilities—and our objectives—when it comes to the safety of our students, families, teachers, and staff.

While the form may seem long and detailed, the messages are those you’ve heard before:

- **You must take your temperature every day before getting on a school bus or arriving at school. (A temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher is considered a fever.)**
- **If your child, any siblings who attend a District school, or any adults who are District employees become sick, all students and District employees must stay home.**
- **If you, your student, or anyone in your household comes into contact with someone who may have COVID-19, or who tests positive for COVID-19, you must let the school office know.**

The form also confirms the District’s intent to:

- **Observe students for symptoms that could indicate a coronavirus infection.**
- **Remain aware of changes in Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Pima County Health Department guidelines, and to follow the guidance of the CDC, the county health department, and the Arizona Department of Health Services.**

Thank you for being a trusted school partner and for helping us stay vigilant against this very serious illness. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Cervantez, Chief Administrative Officer, Vail School District, at CervantezL@vailschooldistrict.org or 520-879-2062.

Sincerely,

*The Trust*  
*Vail School District*
COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Disclosure

Each statement below should be read and initialed by the student’s parent or guardian.

Signature by a parent or the child’s guardian is required.

1. I understand that during this COVID-19 public health emergency, I will NOT be permitted to enter the facility/school beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area. I understand that this procedure change is for the safety of all persons present at the facility/school and to limit to the extent possible everyone’s risk of exposure.

2. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform other members of my household of the information contained herein.

3. I understand that IF there is an emergency requiring me to enter the facility beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area, I MUST wash my hands and wear a mask before entering. While in the facility, I will practice social distancing and remain 6 feet from all other people, except for my own child.

4. I understand that in order to attend school, my child must be free from COVID-19 symptoms. If, during the day, any of the following symptoms appear, my child will be separated from the rest of the class and moved to a supervised, secure area. I will be contacted, and my child MUST be picked up within 1 hour of being notified.

Symptoms include:

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, and/or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Any other symptom of illness, whether or not you believe it’s related to COVID-19

While the District understands that many of these symptoms can also be due to non-COVID-19-related issues, we must proceed with an abundance of caution during this public health emergency.
Symptoms typically appear two to seven days after being infected. Your child will need to be symptom-free, without any medication, for twenty-four (24) hours before returning to school.

5. __________ I understand that as the parent/guardian, I will need to take my child’s temperature prior to allowing my child to board a school bus or prior to coming to school. I understand that, as the parent/guardian, I must also conduct daily self-screening of my child for symptoms prior to the child arriving at school.

6. __________ I understand that over the course of the school day, my child’s temperature will be taken.

7. __________ I understand that my child will be required to wash their hands throughout the day using CDC-recommended handwashing procedures.

8. __________ I understand that my child must wear a face covering throughout the day according to the protocols established by the District, unless a school-approved exemption applies.

9. __________ I will immediately notify the School Point of Contact if I become aware that my child has had close contact with any individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The CDC defines “close contact” as being within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

10. __________ The School/District will continue to follow the guidelines of both the CDC and state and local officials. As changes occur, parents and guardians will be notified. The Site Point of Contact will contact the Arizona Department of Health Services if any staff member or student contracts COVID-19 to help make crucial decisions on next steps.

11. __________ I understand that, while present at school each day, my child will be in contact with children and employees who are also at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines, or practices will remove the risk of exposure to COVID-19. I understand that the members of my family play a crucial role in keeping everyone at school safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined herein.

I, ________________________________, certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the provisions listed herein.

Child’s Name: ________________________________

Child’s DOB: ________________________________

Parent’s Name: ________________________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________
Copper Ridge Elementary
Daily Rusty Well Check

A
RE RESPECTFUL & TRUSTWORTHY

F
FEVER - Do I have a fever over 100.4°?

C
COUGH - Do I have a cough?

T
THROAT - Do I have a sore throat?

R
BREATH - Do I have shortness of breath?

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CONTACT - Have I had contact with someone with the above symptoms or who tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answer YES to any of these questions, please take responsibly and STAY HOME until you are symptom free without medicine for 24 hours.
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<td>• Monday-Thursday homework will be assigned.</td>
<td>• Students will have the opportunity to conference with a grade level teacher for approximately 30 minutes two times per week. A grade level schedule will be provided.</td>
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<td>• Friday will be asynchronous - students will complete assignments at home using Schoology and/or other assignments for the classroom teacher.</td>
<td>• On Friday, students will be given live instruction in Math and ELA in two 30-45 minute conferences.</td>
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<td>• In order to keep classes small, students will be assigned to smaller homeroom classes or cohorts. Homerooms/cohorts will not rotate. Homeroom assignments will be released on or before Thursday, Sept. 17 by your child’s teacher. Teachers within the grade level team will rotate to each cohort of students to provide instruction in the four core content areas. (as needed) Your current teacher will be your main point of contact during hybrid learning. Your child’s current teacher will also provide the contact information for each content area teacher.</td>
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Copper Ridge Families! We are excited to start HYBRID learning at school with procedures in place to keep staff and students safe on campus. Copper Ridge will use the ACT Statement to teach and refine our procedures. We accept that some procedures may not be perfect, but we will respond positively as we maintain a safe learning environment for our students.

**Classroom:**
- Staff and students will wear face masks that cover the mouth and nose. We will support student’s that may have difficulty with face coverings.
- Classrooms will have designated face mask break areas in the classroom.
- Students will have individual seats in rows, maintaining safe distance apart when feasible.
- Students will use personal supplies.
- Classrooms will be deep cleaned daily; sanitized throughout the day by teachers and staff.
- Students are encouraged to bring a personal water bottle.

**Campus Wide Precautions:**
- Only staff and students will be permitted passed the campus gates. Parents will not be permitted to pass through the front gates during the hybrid learning phase.
- Increased hand-cleaning stations on campus and access to hand sanitizing stations in the classroom.
- Handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- Classrooms, restrooms, hydration stations and common areas will be thoroughly sanitized throughout the day.
- Hydration stations will be available to refill water bottles.

**Breakfast and Lunch:**
- Lunch tables will be set-up to maintain safe distance apart from each other.
- Grade Level classes will eat in three different locations: MPR, outside patio, and the ramada.
- Tables will be sanitized in between lunches.
- Students will eat lunch in classrooms on rainy days.

**Recess:**
- The fields will be open for students to play and will be divided into play areas for homeroom cohorts. Students will be encouraged to maintain a safe distance.
- Recess equipment will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Playground structures will be closed at this time while routines are established.
- Students will maintain safe distances when lining up to return to class.

**Office and Campus Visitors & Volunteers:**
- Parents and campus visitors will be required to wear face masks while on school grounds including parking and drop off areas.
- Our capacity will be limited in the front office for staff safety. We encourage parents to call the front office with questions and or call to make an appointment.
- Volunteers can support teachers from home. We value our volunteers and appreciate their flexibility and understanding during this time.

**Morning Drop Off:**
- All K-5 students will be dropped off at the front gate from 7:10-7:35 and report directly to homeroom classrooms.
- Copper Ridge staff will assist students and guide them to classrooms.
- Bus riders will be greeted by staff and directed to classrooms.
- Bike riders and walkers will practice social distancing on their route to school.
- Temperature checks will be taken prior to students entering the classroom.
- Students will be required to report to their classroom prior to picking up a breakfast in the MPR.

**Afternoon Pick Up:**
- Kinder students and their siblings will be dismissed at 1:00. All other students will be dismissed at 1:10. (subject to change)
- Bus riders, bikers and walkers will be released at 1:10.