



# Birch Grove School

## Next Week Q/A Update

08/07/2020

Greetings Birch Grove Families,

Starting Monday, August 10, every staff member, parent, and visitor must fill out a Self-Check Health Questionnaire and hand it to an administrator to gain access to campus. Due to this new safety measure, we have had to modify the plans shared earlier this week. This will allow us to support our families but with families staying in their vehicles and not entering the campus. Please see the Q/A below.

### Chromebooks

Question	Answer
My child was at BGP and has a Chromebook from there. Do I have to return it and check out a new one from BGI?	No. :) <b><u>Chromebooks will stay with the student within NUSD.</u></b> So that means, last year's BGP's second graders and our former sixth graders can keep their Chromebook for third and seventh grade! Only "new to the district" families, students who haven't checked one out yet, or replacing damaged ones, should be checking out Chromebooks.
When can I pick up a Chromebook?	Drive along the curb and <b><u>stay in your car</u></b> . Office staff will support you in getting a Chromebook checked out. Walk-ups welcome if necessary.  <b>Monday, August 10: 8:00-11:30 am</b> <b>Tuesday, August 11: 8:00-11:30 am</b> <b>Wednesday, August 12: 8:00-11:30 am</b>  *If these days do not work for you, please email <a href="mailto:bgpoffice@newarkunified.org">bgpoffice@newarkunified.org</a> or <a href="mailto:bgioffice@newarkunified.org">bgioffice@newarkunified.org</a> for another day/time for curb-side pickup.

### Materials

Question	Answer		
Can we still come to school on Thursday and Friday to pick up materials from the classroom?	Yes! However, we will have the teaching staff out in front of the school and families will drive by to pick up materials available at this time and say hello to the teachers. <b><u>Please stay in your cars and drive up to the grade level area.</u></b>  We have had to modify the time block for these pick up times. Please see the revised schedule below:  <table border="1" data-bbox="727 1864 1515 1959"> <tr> <td data-bbox="727 1864 1019 1959"><b>Thursday, August 13</b></td> <td data-bbox="1019 1864 1515 1959"><b>Grade TK and Kinder rooms 7 and 8</b> 9:00-10:00 am- Last names M-Z</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Thursday, August 13</b>	<b>Grade TK and Kinder rooms 7 and 8</b> 9:00-10:00 am- Last names M-Z
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	<p><b>Friday, August 14</b></p> <p><b>Grade 1</b> 9:00-10:00 am- Last names M-Z 10:00-11:00 am- Last names A-L</p> <p><b>Grade 2</b> 12:00-1:00pm- Last names M-Z 1:00-2:00 pm: Last names A-L</p>
	<p><b>Thursday, August 13</b></p> <p><b>Grade 3 &amp; Mr. Smith's 3/4 combo</b> 9:00-10:00 am- Last names M-Z 10:00-11:00 am- Last names A-L</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b> 12:00-1:00pm- Last names M-Z 1:00-2:00 pm: Last names A-L</p>
	<p><b>Friday, August 14</b></p> <p><b>Grade 4</b> 9:00-10:00 am- Last names M-Z 10:00-11:00 am- Last names A-L</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b> 12:00-1:00pm- Last names M-Z 1:00-2:00 pm: Last names A-L</p> <p><b>Special Day Class</b> 9:00-11:00 am: All students</p>
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Will the teacher provide a suggested school supply list for things my child may need at home?	Yes. Please look for a first day email from your child's teacher at 8:00 am on Thursday. It will include lots of information for the first two days of school and will include a suggested supply list.
Will the school help families who cannot provide supplies for their child?	Yes. We are working with our Parent Teacher Club to create basic supplies for families who need them. Once we get them together, we will communicate when we can do a drive by schedule to pick them up.

## Lunch

Question	Answer
Will there be lunch service provided by the school?	<p>Yes! Starting on Thursday, August 13, you can pick up meals for your students Monday-Friday at every school.</p> <p>Meals are served between 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Curbside meal pickup; you don't have to get out of your car. Student or parent must have the name(s) of the student(s) to pick up a meal.</p>

	<p>Student must be enrolled at the school.</p> <p>Free and reduced lunch rates apply. Please go to <a href="http://www.myschoolapps.com">www.myschoolapps.com</a> to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch application.</p>
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**Distance Learning Schedules**

Question	Answer
When will we be able to see which teacher my child has?	Monday evening, August 10. Please log into your ParentVUE account online or through the mobile app. It will be under Schedule or the calendar icon.
What is the Distance Learning daily schedule for my child?	<p>Each teacher will supply a weekly schedule/template to families each Monday morning. It will include details for live instruction (synchronous learning), small group instruction blocks, as well as lessons/activities for students to complete independently (asynchronous learning). Classes will also have blocks of time for PE (Kinder, 1st, and 2nd) and Science (1st and 2nd) with our specialists. English Learners and students with disabilities will also have services provided within their instructional day.</p> <p>School is scheduled from 8:00-2:50 daily.  Instructional minutes are as follows:  TK and Kindergarten - 180 minutes  1st through 3rd - 230 minutes  4th through 6th - 240 minutes</p>

Our office team is available to assist you with any inquiries and/or concerns. If you do need to access the office or enter campus, please know that you will be required to complete the self-check health survey before coming inside. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm Regards,  
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