

## EDDYVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL

August 2, 2021

Dear ECS Families,

August 30 is our first day of school for K-12 students. We are pleased to continue offering full-time onsite education with a slight increase in hours to get ECS back to a normal schedule after the past year and a half. We will operate on a 4-day school week, Monday through Thursday, from 8:15am – 3:32pm. Building doors will open at 8:05am for student drop off. All students will report to their first period class and individual teachers will visually assess for COVID signs/symptoms and report to the school nurse.

Breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided FREE to all students K-12 through Sodexo. Breakfast will be served in students' first period classrooms during a morning warm-up activity. Lunch will be served in the MP room with safe spacing as well as outdoors as weather permits. All COVID safety/sanitation protocols will continue.

At this time, ECS is unable to provide a Kindergarten Readiness (Pre-K) program due to space and resources. We are going to continue planning this program and explore grant opportunities to make this a reality for the 2022-2023 school year. We have a qualified teacher on site with many exciting ideas. Please stay tuned for future planning sessions and fundraising events.

Registration is online this year with the required movement to Synergy systems. The window opens August 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be receiving a mailing with instructions and credentials necessary to register your student(s). Preference will be given to returning students and their siblings. If you are new to the school, please fill out the online waitlist form and come to the school on August 10 or 11 to pick up a paper packet. There will also be computers set up if you need access or assistance in the online process. 2021-22 fee payment or payment arrangement must be made at registration. If you will be registering online and not in the area until school begins, please make payment/arrangement during Open House on Sept. 1, 2021.

***Registration Dates:***

August 10: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

August 11: 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

School updates/information is shared via Remind (text the word Eddyville to 81010 to be added), our website ([www.eddyvillecharterschool.org](http://www.eddyvillecharterschool.org)) and Eddyville Eagles Facebook page.

We are excited for a new year, however, Gov. Brown just made some drastic changes last week which ultimately impact our local authority/family choice with regards to masks on campus. I will update via remind and on our website as we get more clarity around this topic. Eddyville's position (when given local authority just one month ago) is to allow families to choose mask preferences and to support all students regardless of mask, vaccine, online or onsite. At this time, however, the state is mandating masks on campus while inside during the school day. However, after school activities (athletics) have been granted local control with mask rules. This is contradictory, but it is not state required events so parents have a choice to allow participation resulting in the state feeling it can be local control vs. state control. We are clearly in a strange time and the 'logic' is troubling. Regardless of the final mask ruling,

Eddyville will continue all COVID sanitation schedules and safety protocols. Now, planning is underway to create opportunities to learn outside so those who don't want their students masked all day have an option. I will be conferencing with our ECS Board and ECS Team this week and next to deliver finalized COVID safety plans for the 21-22 year. Thank you for your patience and support in this frustrating time!

Summer Learning begins next week on Monday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Bus times will be released this week for those who elected to ride the bus. Masks will be required on the bus and while inside the building, but not outside. Breakfast, snacks, lunch and prizes will be given daily. Please look for a specific Summer Learning notice to come out by the end of the week.

All athletic information will be shared via Remind, Facebook, website and specific coaches. Karla Pearson is our new athletic director and has been working hard this summer! You will see her posting and sending out information as it comes to her. Please call the school or email her school email with questions. [Karla.pearson@lincoln.k12.or.us](mailto:Karla.pearson@lincoln.k12.or.us).

### **Staffing Updates:**

Guidance Counselor/Scheduling/Photography CTE: Dani Ulstad (There is no longer the Dean position.)

Athletic Director/ Middle School ELA and Cooking: Karla Pearson

AP US History, Criminology and Credit Recovery: Alain Brown

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Sarah-Ann Hall

5<sup>th</sup> Grade/Campus Security/4-H Advisor: Dalynn Shinholster

Daytime Custodian: Rick Borrego

Behavior Specialist/K-5 music: Amy Conner

Electives and Chinese: Marie Roberts

Varsity Football Coach: Abe Silvonen

Middle School Football Coach: Tom Morris

PM Custodian - vacant

Facilities Manager - vacant

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Summer Learning: August 9-12 and 16-19 9:00am-12:30pm

School Board Meeting: August 11, 2021 6:00pm

Teacher PD/In-service week: August 23-26

1<sup>st</sup> Day of School: August 30, 2021 8:15am (K-12)

Open House: September 1, 2021 5:00pm-7:00pm

NO SCHOOL-Labor Day: September 6, 2021

School Picture Day: Sept. 9, 2021

School calendar, bell schedule, fee schedule and 6-12 supply list are posted on the website.

Thank you and we look forward to serving each of you this school year!

-Stacy Knudson and ECS Team