

Parents/Guardians,

We know you all are having to make some difficult decisions regarding the upcoming school year. Please know that we are here for you and we understand completely and support you no matter what you decide regarding your child's educational setting.

We would like to share some of the things we will be doing specifically at Robertsdale Elementary to face the challenge of COVID-19.

**Thermal Cameras:** We will have "3" Thermal Cameras installed to take the temperatures of students as they arrive at school. We will have one Thermal Camera in the MPR to monitor the temperature of our bus students. They will funnel through the MPR doors, have their temperature taken, and then go on to their designated areas. The second Thermal Camera will be installed at the entrance of the car rider door to monitor the temperatures of the car rider students. Our third camera will be at the office entrance

**Water Fountains:** We are currently working on getting water filling stations rather than students using the water fountains. In the meantime, we are allowing students to bring bottled water and/or water bottles. We currently have a water filling station in the cafeteria, but we are working on getting them installed throughout our campus.

**Masks:** We are following Governor Ivey's orders regarding masks. Students Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will not be required to wear masks, but can wear them if you choose for them to. Students that have a 504 plan and/or Healthcare Plan or an IEP will be looked at on an individual basis. We will certainly work with our parents and students to meet specific needs.

**Seating in Cafeteria and Gym:** We are labeling seats in the gym and cafeteria to provide additional spacing between students. We are also alternating our cafeteria schedule to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria at one time.

**Visitors:** At this time, visitors will have limited access by **appointment only**. We ask that you call our front office at 947-4003 to make an appointment. Safety is our first goal for your child.

**Outside Organizations:** We are not allowing anyone to practice or hold classes on our campus at this time (ex: Basketball Leagues, Musical Beginnings, etc.). The only program we will offer is our After-School Program. They will have specific guidelines to follow as well.

**Sanitizing/Cleaning:** Our top priority is keeping our campus as sanitized and clean as possible. We have always made this a common practice, but now we have heightened our attention to specific sanitation guidelines related to COVID-19. Our facility (which includes bathrooms, classrooms, cafeteria, gym, etc.) will be cleaned multiple times a day. We have special equipment being provided by the county to sanitize classrooms and other high traffic areas as quickly and frequently as possible.

### **Reminders:**

- **K Students:** Parents of incoming Kindergarten students need to make sure all paperwork has been turned in to our registrar (Betty Ann Wheeler). Please call or email her ([EWheeler@bcbe.org](mailto:EWheeler@bcbe.org)) if you need to schedule a time to come by.
- **School Business:** Online registrations using your child's Snapcode is no longer available, so all registrations will be completed by appointment only at RDES.
- Don't forget to order your child's t-shirts below is the link to our school website where you can access all of the necessary information related to RBES:  
<https://www.bcbe.org/robertsdaleelem>

**Meet the Teacher:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> will do a virtual Meet the Teacher on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten (Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>) and PreK OSR (Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>) will have an on-campus Meet the Teacher. Pre-K OSR only one parent and Kindergarten Meet the Teacher can be 1 adult and the child in attendance.

\*\*\*\*A postcard will be mailed out to notify you of your child's teacher for the upcoming 20-21 school year\*\*\*\*

Days and times for Meet the Teacher are as follows:

Pre-K – On Campus – MPR (August 10<sup>th</sup>) 6pm to 7pm

Kindergarten– On Campus – Teacher specific slotted time only (August 7<sup>th</sup>)

Givens and Thomas 10:00 to 10:30

Alidor and Merchant 10:30 to 11:00

Bishop and Younce 11:00 to 11:30

Cross 11:30 to Noon

**Virtual "Meet the Teacher":** Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 – 11:30; 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 - 12:00; 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 - 11:00

4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 10:00; 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 10:30; 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00

**Class Recordings:** Instruction in classrooms might be recorded or streamed live. Any recordings will be available to students enrolled in this class. This is intended to supplement the classroom experience. Students are expected to follow appropriate school system and campus-wide policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access classroom recordings. Live streaming and recordings may not be captured or reproduced, shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments. Doing so would be a breach of the Baldwin County Public School System's Acceptable Use Policy. If a teacher or an administrator plan to use any recordings, beyond the classroom environment, students identifiable in the recordings will either be de-identified or will be notified prior to in order to obtain proper consent prior to such use.

We are here for you and promise to do all we can to ensure your child's safety and well-being while on our campus.

RBDE Administrative Team