

# Dragon Digest

A Communication Tool for The Dragon Family and Community

August 24, 2020

**All information is subject to change based on State/District Guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.**

## A Note From Dr. Reeves, Principal

Dear Dragon Family,

WOW! We can't thank you enough for your support as we kicked off the school year online! Our teachers and staff are working hard to iron out the kinks, and we appreciate your patience as we work through these issues. Thank you for providing your feedback to the teachers in a way that is positive and understanding of how hard they are working. There are no words to thank you for giving us grace as we work through these uncharted waters. You honestly would not believe how frequently things are changing, and the teachers and staff are giving it their all to make it a positive environment for your children.

We can't even begin to tell you how excited we are for the upcoming weeks. Starting this Wednesday, we will welcome **face to face** children that are ready to come back to school into the building according to the district's ramp up plan. If you have signed your child up for **face to face** learning and your child is unable to attend on the dates listed below, they still have the option to participate online until Sept. 8th. **If you signed your child up for online learning, they will not report to the school on the dates listed below. Your child will continue with online learning.**

Day	Date	Face to Face students that should report to campus from 8:00-3:10
Wednesday	August 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> </ul>
Thursday	August 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> </ul>
Friday	August 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> </ul>
Monday	August 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Last Name A-C only</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Sept. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Last Name D-J only</li> </ul>
Wednesday	Sept. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Last Name K-Q only</li> </ul>
Thursday	Sept 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Last Name R-Z only</li> </ul>
Friday	Sept 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PPCD, PREK, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> </ul>

During the above listed times for Gr 2-6, we will be doing an orientation of the new procedures that we are using on campus. Your child will attend on their assigned day only! We will be teaching our new protocols with small groups of students before we have all face-to-face students back in the building on Sept. 8th. **On days your child is not scheduled to be on campus, they will need to continue with the online learning.**

If you have any questions about when your child should attend, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

We look forward to seeing your family soon. Take care. --Alicia Reeves, Principal



We have several new families to Conroe ISD, so we wanted to take a second to let you know how our district responds during inclement weather.

In the event that school needs to be shut down for inclement weather, you will receive a recorded phone call from the district on the morning that the school is closed. Typically this call is made by 5:00 a.m. Dr. Null, our superintendent, works closely with our CISD police department to watch the weather and to check the roads to ensure it is safe for children to be transported to and from school.

On typical rainy days, students will be released to exit the building using their regular transportation. If there is severe weather in the neighborhood (Heavy rains and lightening), we will send a text message to you between 2:45 and 2:50 indicating that a severe weather dismissal will take place for that day. The weather changes very quickly in The Woodlands, so we appreciate your understanding in us waiting as long as possible to make this decision. If a severe weather dismissal is called, students will need to either take the bus home or have a parent pick them up in the car line. We will not release bike riders or walkers on these days. During Meet the Teacher, you should have filled out an online google form indicating how you would like your child to go home on Severe Weather Days. If you are unsure of what you chose, please contact your child's teacher prior to Wednesday, August 26th to confirm the dismissal plan.

As always, if you have any questions, please call the front office.

## PreK, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Car Rider Sign Pick Up

Deretchin Families,

This year, the district is asking that we use a new Car Rider App system to dismiss our students. Each Deretchin Family will receive 2 personalized Family Car Rider Signs. We ask that you place the sign on the passenger side dashboard. Our Car Rider Staff will then scan the barcodes that are preprinted on the top left of your personalized car sign. These barcodes signal to an app that we use inside the building that will be projected in the classrooms. Students will see it is time to load into their car and move into the hallways. This process is being used so that we can ensure social distancing during dismissal of our 900+ students. If you have an old car rider sign, please discard the old sign as we will not allow any parent to pick up children without the new car sign.

### We will have 2 ways for you to pick up your Family Car Rider Sign:

1. Tuesday, August 25th you can pick up your Family Car Rider Sign by coming up to school between the hours of 8:00-3:00. Just call the office from the front door and someone will bring the sign to you.
2. Our second way will be on Wednesday, August 26th (For Families with students in Grades PK, K, and 1), during Student Drop Off in the Car Line. Staff will be located in the Car Line with your Family Car Signs. As you drop off your child, staff will give you your new Family Car Sign. August 31 to Sept. 3rd - We will have car rider signs available for families with students in Grades 2-6 who haven't already picked up their sign by last name alpha on the day that your child will attend school.

## School Supply Dropoff

If you have school supplies that you'd like to drop off prior to school starting, we will be accepting these on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 8:00-3:00. Please be sure that you are labeling these supplies with your child's name prior to dropping them off. We will get them to the classroom for your child.

## Face Coverings for students

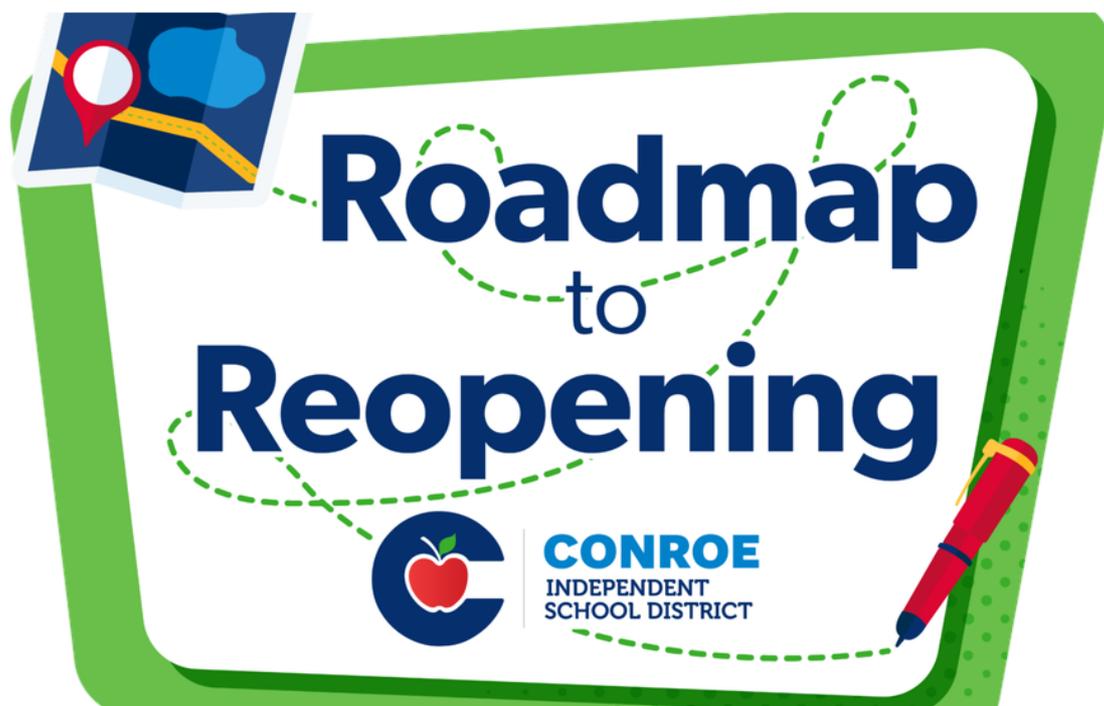
All students PK- 6th grade should plan to wear a face covering while on campus. If your child does not have a face covering, we will provide one for them. Masks that have the gauge or "gator" masks that go around a child's neck are not considered face masks due to the air that can escape through those devices.

We know that wearing a mask can be difficult for some children. Our teachers and staff will be working with the children to train them on how to wear the masks properly on campus.

## PK, K, 1 Student Drop Off

We are excited that our PK, K, and 1 face to face students will start back this Wednesday. We will have all Gr. 2-6 teachers available to help walk children to their classroom from the bus and from the car line. We know this is a big moment for your children and we want you to know that we will ensure they make it to their classrooms safely because we are not allowed visitors on campus.

[How to create your Parent Access Account](#)



We are looking forward to seeing our Dragons soon! Dr. Null and our district leaders have come up with a schedule on when we will be allowing students on campus for IN PERSON learning during August 12 - September 4, 2020

Please click on the link below to see when grade level students will be invited to attend school in person during the "CISD Ramp Up".

When students are on campus, they will follow their 'normal' daily schedule. They will go to lunch, recess, specials, etc.

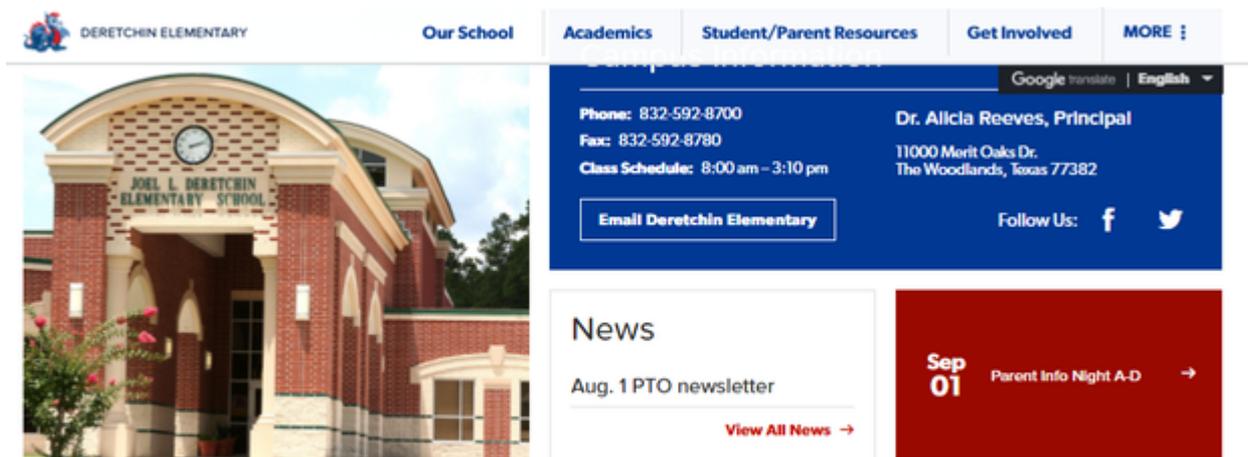
<https://www.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Back-to-School-Schedule-8-5-FINAL.pdf>

If your child qualifies for special education and is on the roster to "Ramp Up" prior to school starting, you will receive a phone call from Katie Weber, Jan Hughes, Sally Clements or Lori Patterson. Please do not assume your child is part of this plan.

As always, safety is our number one priority. We will following all social distancing requirements.

Please remember students in grades 3-6 will be required to wear masks while at school. We highly encourage students in grades PPCD, PreK, Kinder, 1st and 2nd to wear masks.

**Please check out the 'Technology' button on our website for parent videos and help with common technology issues.**



Welcome to Deretchin Elementary



Support Deretchin while dining at Sapporo!  
August 14th ~ September 30th  
Everyday!



Dine at Sapporo Japanese Bistro Sushi & Bar or purchase a gift card from August 14th to September 30th. Mention Deretchin and sign the guest book, Sapporo will donate 10% of your bill or purchase to Deretchin!



30420 FM 2978, the woodlands, TX 77382 [www.sapporohouston.com](http://www.sapporohouston.com)

*Sapporo is one of the best recommended restaurants in the woodlands.*

- Please feel free to share on Facebook, Twitter or any other public Media
- Please feel free to forward to any Deretchin's friends and Families.

## Sapporo Spirit Event Aug.14-Sept. 30th

### When

Friday, Aug. 14th, 3:30pm to Wednesday, Sep. 30th, 11pm

### Where

Sapporo Japanese Bistro Sushi & Bar Magnolia  
Texas, Magnolia, TX 77354, USA  
Magnolia, TX



## Deretchin Elementary

Would like to thank **Plush Nail Salon** for donating over 115 protection shields for our student desk.



Plush Nail Salon will be hosting a spirit event for us on August 27<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup>.

10% of the sales will go to purchasing more of these shields for our school. Please mention Deretchin at your check out.



9940 Woodlands Pkwy Suite 100,  
The Woodlands, TX 77382 **AND**  
791 Fish Creek Thoroughfare #20,  
Montgomery TX 77316



## Math Manipulatives

Online students are invited to come pick up a ziplock baggie with the needed math manipulatives for this first 9 weeks. These are being loaned to the families AND WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT BACK WHEN YOUR STUDENT RETURNS TO IN PERSON CLASSES. A date will be emailed out to you when you can pick these up.



# ONLINE Deretchin Dragon's...See the Link below for Art Supplies you will need while learning from home.



Online Students Art Bag.pdf

[Download](#)  
151.2 KB



Our campus will be utilizing the Anonymous Alerts app designed to allow students, or anyone, inform our campus administration of any safety concern during the 2020-2021 school year. This app will allow any completely anonymous upstander and an administrator to engage in completely anonymous two-way confidential ongoing communication regarding an issue. The app can be downloaded either at the Google Play store for Android or Apple store for iOS.

Note the important following information to use when utilizing the app:

- Login/Password– conroeisd

For a complete overview of Anonymous Alerts and how it works, please view the following video on YouTube-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksC8TIJCwjc&feature=youtu.be>

Please be aware 1-888-KIDCHAT will still be available. Anonymous Alerts is preferable as the app allows two-way anonymous exchange of tip information.

Lastly, we will reiterate to students constantly the importance and availability to come directly to an administrator with any concerns. Your assistance in reiterating this is much appreciated.



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