



Hello new and returning 5th grade families,

We are very excited about your child attending Desert Sage for on-campus learning. Below is an overview of important information for you and your child to know PRIOR to coming to school on their first day.

**1. Complete and return the COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement and Disclosure Form.**

- a. COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement and Disclosure Form: [LINK](#)
  - i. A form will need to be completed for each individual child attending Desert Sage. **Please print the form, fill it out and sign, then either drop the form off at the Desert Sage office anytime Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or scan and email the form to [lari.roque@dvusd.org](mailto:lari.roque@dvusd.org).** If you are unable to print the form, there will be copies available at the Desert Sage office.
  - ii. **If this form is not received by the fifth day of on-campus learning, your child will NOT be permitted to return to on-campus learning until it is received.**

**2. Review the NEW school arrival and dismissal procedures and maps:**

- a. **Arrival to campus:**
  - i. Procedures and map: [LINK](#)
  - ii. Staff will be on-duty in yellow safety vests with class lists. They will be prepared to direct students through campus and safely to their classroom.
  - iii. Reminders:
    1. Campus does not open until 8:30 a.m. Students are NOT allowed to be dropped off or arrive before 8:30 a.m. There is no supervision on campus until 8:30 a.m.
    2. Parents are not allowed to walk onto campus and take their child to their classroom.
    3. School tardy bell rings and instruction begins at 8:45 a.m.
    4. *Please note the back neighborhood gate by the portables is now open and can be used. The school gate will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m.*
- b. **Dismissal from campus:**
  - i. Procedures and map: [LINK](#)
  - ii. Teachers will tag your child's backpack with how they will be going home (i.e. walker, bikers, drive-thru pick up, bus, etc.).
  - iii. Staff will be on-duty in yellow safety vests escorting students to the appropriate location for their dismissal. **Please be prepared to show ID if asked by staff, when picking up your child.**
  - iv. Reminders:
    1. Parents cannot park on campus and walk on to campus to pick up. Please use the student drive-thru pickup or park along Alameda Road and wait in the "Parent Waiting Zones".

2. School dismissal is at 3:30 p.m. (PLC Fridays is at 2:00 p.m.), please be timely in your arrival to pick up your child.
3. *Please note the back neighborhood gate by the portables is now open and can be used. The school gate will be unlocked at 3:30 p.m.*

**3. Gather items that MUST return to school with your child on their first day back on campus.**

- a. Math binder
- b. Reading/writing books and workbooks
- c. Any additional items provided by the teacher or school

**4. Make sure your child's Chromebook is fully charged and brought to school everyday.** Devices will travel back and forth between school and home each day.

**5. Review the suggested supplies list for fifth grade students:**

- a. [LINK](#)

These are supplies <i>suggested</i> for students upon return to on-campus learning.					
Pencils	1 box crayons	1 pair scissors	1 box colored pencils	1 sharpener	1 box washable markers
1 watercolor set with brush	White printer paper/drawing paper	Glue stick or glue bottle	2 spiral notebooks - wide-ruled & single subject	1 ultra fine black sharpie marker	Hand sanitizer
Ziplock bags, gallon & sandwich	Box of tissues	3 pocket folders	2 erasers (not pencil top)	Earbuds/head phones (to be left at school)	1 pkg. dry erase markers
1 - 1½" three-ring binder	1 spiral notebook - wide-ruled & single subject	Loose leaf, wide-ruled paper	1 5x8 pencil box with name	1 pkg. unscented wipes	<b><u>Make sure all materials are labeled with your child's name and grade.</u></b>

**6. Review the "10 Things You Can Do To Prepare For Returning Back To School" article: [LINK](#)**

**7. If you have not done so already, review the Desert Sage Social Distancing, Health and Safety Plan presentation.**

- a. PDF Presentation: [LINK](#)
- b. Video Presentation: [LINK](#)

We look forward to seeing your child on campus with us. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher or the Desert Sage office at 623-445-4700, if you have any questions.

See you soon and go Geckos!

Ms. Gill, principal