



## Fern Bacon Middle School

*"A New Era of Excellence"*

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Dear Families of Fern Bacon Middle School:

We've had a challenging opening as we transition students from Distance learning to In-Person learning. Thank you to all those parents who attended our New Student Orientation and stand in solidarity with us to reinforce our school rules and behavior expectations. Together, it can be a successful school year for all.

### **COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

The District's Return to Health Plan is available here. As expected, there are additional layers of safety and Covid mitigation measures here at Fern Bacon to ensure a safe in-person learning environment.

~All students, faculty and staff will wear masks indoors and outdoors. Students may bring their own or request a mask from any staff member. Students who refuse to wear a mask will be sent home. Students who do not wear their mask properly may be at risk of being a close contact and may have to be quarantined for 10 days if not vaccinated.

~Temperature check at our entry point of being health-screened in the Cafeteria will continue. Everyone must go through the Cafeteria first thing in the morning. The front gate closes at 8:15 AM. LATE STUDENTS must then go through the Care Room to get their temperature checked where students will then be issued a pass to class.

~Water fountains remain disabled. Every student has received a refillable water bottle which I encourage to refill at home.

~Free Covid testing continues in our Care Room for any student or staff member who requests it. You only need to register once. Students 12 years and under need parent permission.

~Please update your phone numbers and email address on file with our office. It is important to Contact Tracing when a student tests positive. We want to inform you immediately.

~Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting Covid-like symptoms. Best to be on the safe side.

As local health conditions change and the district updates their health and safety expectations, I will keep parents informed and updated.

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

For any family who prefers doing virtual learning at home should contact Capital City directly at (916) 395-5020.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Those Tik Tok challenges are real and we've had several incidents of vandalism in our restrooms. Please discuss with your child the importance of doing the right thing and when no one is watching.

### **WEBSITE**

To best stay informed, please utilize our website at [www.fernbacon.scusd.edu](http://www.fernbacon.scusd.edu). This is also a great place to view our weekly student bulletin produced by our Media Productions class. Check out the tab under Academics->Elective Courses->Media Productions.

### **LCFF SURVEY**

The District LCFF survey is used every year to determine school site funding. Last year we lost \$40,000 because of a lack of parent participation. Please know every dollar counts. Our goal this year is 100% of surveys turned in. Please help us! Thank you for your support.

### **PROGRESS GRADES AND REPORT CARDS**

Check out this year's Secondary School Calendar summary to view End-of-Quarter dates. Remember, progress grades are sent home and posted in Infinite Campus 15 days before final grades are posted. This quarter begins 9/2/2021 and ends 11/05/2021.

### **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

If your child sees something that does not feel right to them and verbalizes this to you, please call the school and let us know. This helps us be proactive to the situation. A safe school is a shared responsibility. Thank you for your support with this.

### **DRESS CODE**

Fern Bacon faculty and staff recognize the effect which students' dress have upon student behavior and commitment to learning. Attire considered disruptive or attire that could present a health or safety problem is not appropriate. Prohibited dress violations are listed in our Student Handbook. Neither teachers, nor administrators, should have to repeatedly remind a student to adhere to the dress code. Students who do not meet the dress code will be allowed to make a phone call home for parent to bring proper attire or choose proper attire from our Clothes Closet.

As always, we are here to help in any way we can. Your student's success is our top priority. Contact us at (916) 395-5340 if you have any questions or concerns.

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Principal