

# Ludlow Independent Schools



Home of the Panthers

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Dear Ludlow Families:

The 2020–2021 school year is off to a great start thanks to all the efforts of our teachers, staff, administrators, custodians, cafeteria workers, parents, students, and community members. Everyone has come together to help our students have a great school year regardless of this new learning environment.

With one week completed in our Remote Learning Plan, I hope you and your child(ren) are transitioning well. Our team has worked hard to make this a successful start to the school year. It is still our goal to allow students to attend classes on September 28th with the learning plan they selected. Our staff will be prepared to offer the AM On-Campus, PM On-Campus, and Off-Campus Learning Options for the remainder of the first semester. Flexibility has become a common theme and our teachers and staff have embraced this challenge to make sure that the safest learning environment is available for our students.

Thank you for helping make our Personalized Pantherfest a great success! We had 98% of our students and parents attend an individual session to receive their chromebook and discuss the coming school year with their teacher. Based on parent feedback from the spring, our staff put in countless hours to ensure that instruction is through the Google Platform so that it's consistent for our families. Our elementary students also completed a reading assessment, which will allow our teachers to design individualized reading instruction for our students until they return to on-campus learning. High school students left being able to access all six of their Google classrooms, which guarantees an open line of communication between teachers and students. We hope you noticed the new classroom desk configurations, hand sanitizing stations, touchless water bottle filling stations, and the thermal temperature stations. These will all help establish a safe environment for every student.

Although remote learning is much different than it was in the spring, our students always seem to meet our expectations. In just a few days of learning, I have heard about the virtual tour our kindergarten students received of their classroom while our high school juniors and seniors are in mid-year form with their dual credit classes at Gateway. We are seeing a very high level of student participation and continue to work extremely hard to design a structure that will challenge students on a daily basis. Our design also allows students and families some flexibility based on their needs. If you have any concerns, please reach out to your child's principal and they will help with a solution.

I feel like we have a wonderful team assembled to educate your child. Every staff member has gone "above and beyond" to execute our plan to the highest level possible. I am extremely confident that every child in our district will receive the high quality education that our district delivers year in and year out. I hope everyone has a great year!

GO, PANTHERS!

Sincerely,

Mike Borchers, Superintendent

*The Ludlow Independent School District is committed  
to fostering a culture of rigor, excellence, and personal accountability  
by developing meaningful relationships with students, families, and community members  
to support and empower students to graduate with college and career readiness skills.*

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