

Bonneville Elementary

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Greetings Families and Friends,

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to Bonneville administration, board members, and city officials. Your voices are heard and the information you have provided has helped board members and district officials make decisions. While we still do not have all the answers for what school reopening will look like, we can share a few points that our Bonneville staff has been working on in July.

As we have had meetings back and forth over the summer, it has been very challenging to make plans when we don't have all the answers. Our Bonneville staff has been making plans for a modified school reopening and an all-online reopening. As you read, please keep in mind that plans can change and will depend on final decisions from the board.

As the new principal of Bonneville, I feel it is important to begin an open line of communication. I will start to send out this communication every Sunday night. If you have questions, please email me at Wayne.Culley@SLCSchools.org or call my office phone at (801) 584-2913 (1600).

I would love to meet and talk to you,

Wayne Culley, Principal of Bonneville Elementary



Upcoming Events

July 15

Registration - **OPEN NOW**

August 4

Kindergarten KEEP Testing

August 10

School Community Council Election

Important Announcement

Salt Lake school board moves student start date to September 8th.

If you would like to watch the board meeting or follow SLC Schools on Facebook please follow the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/slcschools/>

Registration:

Online registration is now available. Once you receive your registration information in the mail, please go to www.bonneville.slcschools.org and click on the registration link. You will be able to register completely online. If you have any questions, please send an email to wayne.culley@slcschools.org or deborah.dubek@slcschools.org. While registering, you will have the option to request Mondays/Thursdays or Tuesdays/Fridays during our blended model. Right now, most parents/guardians are selecting Mondays/Thursdays. Some parents have mentioned that they are concerned that the school will not be as "clean" on the later-in-the-week days (after students have attended the day before). Our district cleaning procedures are IDENTICAL on all days. Rooms and common areas will be thoroughly cleaned (our building/grounds department will be sending us a copy of their assurances soon – I will share that in a future letter). Please keep in mind that we cannot accommodate all requests and that all of us will have to stay flexible when final decisions are made IF we start the year on the modified schedule.

When registering, please make sure to provide correct contact information. Also, please opt in to district text messages so that we can keep you informed throughout the year. This link provides information on how to do that: <https://www.slcschools.org/news/2018-19/opt-in-for-district-text-messages/>.

Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile (KEEP):

Utah requires all kindergarten students to complete the Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile (KEEP) at the beginning and the end of the year. Bonneville kindergarten teachers will test students every half hour on August 4th and 5th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and on August 6th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. An email will be sent from the school to parents who are registered. Parents will be able to sign up for a testing time with a kindergarten teacher using Sign Up Genius.

School Community Council (SCC): <https://www.schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust>

Bonneville needs to continue our tradition of shared governance with active and caring parents serving on SCC. This year, we are unfortunately replacing 7 of our 10 parents on SCC. All seven parents have served on Bonneville's SCC for their two-year term. Serving on our School Community Council is a wonderful way for parents and teachers to contribute and help improve academic performance at our school.

If you are interested in being involved with Bonneville's SCC, please fill out the School Community Council Candidate form attached or follow the link above and download your own. The form needs to be returned to the school before August 4th or by email to wayne.culley@slcschools.org. The election will be held at Bonneville Elementary on August 10th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. I will send out more details regarding election voting next week.

This is the notice of Bonneville's SCC election and is provided by this letter, on our website, and by phone. All other information is provided above. (53G-7-1202(5)(a-c))

Preparation for Reopening Bonneville

Preparation for Reopening Bonneville – District and school administrators, staff, and teachers have been working throughout June and July to make appropriate plans for different models of reopening. We continue to get input from teachers, parents, and community members and use that information to build our plan. For the past two weeks, teachers and administrators have been addressing the following ideas:

1. **Social and Emotional Learning** – These will be a priority as we start the school year. Regardless of how we return to school, students will receive the support they need when it comes to academics, social interactions, etc., in a variety of ways. This coming year, there will be a focus on mindfulness, classroom discussions, and other forms of social activities. In addition, we will have our counselor to help navigate the beginning of school.
2. **Online/Hybrid Learning** – Our teachers have been involved in training and preparation to teach on Canvas. Teaching and learning will look very different from last school year. With better training on Canvas and access to more options to support student learning, our staff is ready to deliver quality K-6 instruction online. Materials and online platforms will be streamlined, and students will have a more successful experience as they interact with their teachers and peers online. Bonneville is committed to being creative in our new teaching environment, updating our online teaching techniques, and meeting the needs of our students. Bonneville teachers had some of the best usage and participation on Canvas in our district! What a great compliment to them. Our teachers who were not ready to teach remotely in the spring last school year will be ready this school year. In addition, parents will have the opportunity to learn how to support their students using Canvas and to be trained on the platform in the coming weeks (training dates/times are being discussed now).
3. **Art and Science** – As you know Bonneville is a very high-performing school with an emphasis on science and art. We as a Bonneville community are committed to providing high-quality, core-aligned, and age-appropriate instruction. Amy Bell (science) and Jenny Davis (art) will be working with grade level teams to provide an enriching learning experience in both content areas.
4. **Health and Safety** – Our custodial staff, nurses, and administrators are working together to provide a safe environment at Bonneville. Social distancing, masks, and hygiene are our top priorities. The building will be marked with clear signage, appropriate pathways for transitions, and will have plenty of sanitizer and handwashing protocols. In addition, face shields, plexiglass, and other protective items are being installed in the office, library, and other common areas. Classrooms and common areas will be properly and thoroughly cleaned after every school day.

It is our plan to continue making plans for school to begin September 8th, 2020. If you have questions, please respond to wayne.culley@slcschools.org.

Best Regards,

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