



A Message from Superintendent Greg Blake

10.23.2020

Dear Thermalito Families:

Here is the latest update on reopening our campuses for in-person instruction. Butte County has moved into the Orange Tier (moderate), and our reopening of campuses this week has gone smoothly for the groups of students that we are serving with additional supports. A big thank you goes out to our parents, staff and students who have worked tirelessly to make our campus openings a success.

We are excited to have more students return to our campuses beginning November 9th. We will divide our students into A or B cohorts. Cohort A will attend full school days on campus on Mondays and Tuesday while Cohort B will attend full school days on campus on Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays and all other days that students are not on campus they will participate in distance learning. The daily schedules used for Mon-Tues and Thurs-Fri will be the same schedules used pre-Covid. The table below gives an overview of these schedules.

Our staff is working on the student lists for A/B cohorts. One main goal in building our cohorts is to keep siblings in the same cohort. Please call your school principal if you have questions about the cohorts.

[CHOICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL FORM](#) - *IMPORTANT* - DUE 10/27 7:00PM

Please use this survey link for parents and guardians to complete and choose the instructional model that meets the needs of their students for the trimester beginning November 9th. Please use the finalized schedule of the A/B model below and your experiences with a 100% Distance Learning model to make a fully informed decision. This will help us to be properly staffed on November 9th.

THERMALITO SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Beginning November 9, 2020

	Start time	Dismissal time
Nelson Avenue Middle School	7:45 am	2:22 pm
Heritage School	7:45 am	2:22 pm
Plumas Avenue Elementary School	8:36 am	3:03 pm
Poplar Avenue Elementary School	8:35 am	3:02 pm
Sierra Avenue Elementary School	8:11 am	2:41 pm

To ensure safety measures, students cannot be on campuses prior to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.

Buses will run on the Pre-COVID schedule.

A / B Cohorts for In-Person, On-campus Instruction

Student Cohort - A	Student Cohort - B
<p>Monday and Tuesday - On campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-person instruction on campus with teachers and peers. ● Breakfast and lunch are served on campus. <p>Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Off Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students connect DAILY with teachers during opening activities online and other times as designated by the teacher. ● Students work independently on teacher assigned work. 	<p>Thursday and Friday - On campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-person instruction on campus with teachers and peers. ● Breakfast and lunch are served on campus. <p>Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Off Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students connect DAILY with teachers during opening activities online and other times as designated by the teacher. ● Students work independently on teacher assigned work.
<p>Food Service - Meals will continue to be provided for the meal times that students are not on campus. Pick up times are Tuesday and Thursday 11:15am - 1:15pm at Plumas, Sierra and Nelson Schools</p>	

Our TLC Preschool will also be reopening its campus on November 9th to students. The TLC staff will be reaching out to families in their program to share more specific information.

Please use the links below to help make the transition back to in-person, on-campus instruction as smooth as possible. As you know, information and guidance changes regularly in this complex situation so our plans may be adjusted based on changing circumstances. Thank you for your patience.

Take care and stay safe,

Greg

Helpful Links

[Choice of Instructional Model](#) (due 7:00pm Tuesday, October 27)

Bus transportation: [Transportation Request Form](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Student Face Mask Medical Exemption Request Form](#)

(part of this is completed by your doctor)

[Daily Symptom Screening Parent-Guardian Agreement](#)

(this form should be completed before November 9th)