



Atsa Biyaazh Community School

Home of the Eagles

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Greets to all the ABCS Parents and Students

WELCOME BACK!!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to SY 21-22. We will be starting SY 2021-22 School year on August 12, 2021.

The SASI Reopening team has been working very hard our reopening plan that will be present to the SASI School Board on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 5pm, for their consideration and approval. Thereafter, the plan will be submitted to the Navajo Nation for approval in compliance to the Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-014 Public Health Emergency Order Implementing the Navajo Nation COVID-19 Safe Schools Framework and Declaring "Yellow Status" for Schools. **However, we will operate virtually (remote learning) starting August 12, 2021** until allowed to provide in-person instruction (please refer to the School Reopening Plan once approved this Friday). Our goal is to offer a **safe** educational environment and experience as we transition back into face to face learning. At this time, the ventilation systems have to be inspected to ensure we are properly equipped to have staff and students in the buildings. We will not even consider going face to face until we know we can provide an environment that is compliant with the CDC/BIE guidelines. Our administration is deeply considering our safety of all our stakeholders, and we know that the COVID-19 numbers have been on the rise and we want to ensure the well-being our students.

On August 9th, 10th and 11th, 2021- ABCS will be distributing all your students' laptops and hotspots. We will start on August 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. until 4.p.m. August 10th and 11th, 2021 we will distribute from 8:00am to 4:00 pm., for all grade levels.

On August 12, we will begin with a virtual orientation with all the classroom teachers with the students. We will provide all the Zoom addresses to the parents and students through email. Our teachers will be in contact with each of you by Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

The month of August classes will be geared toward literacy, math review and social-emotional skill development. Teachers/staff will also be reviewing their classroom rules and how to log into all required

platforms we will be utilizing this SY 2021-22. We will also have our students take their beginning of year assessment for Istation and STARs and the schedule will be provide next week from the teachers.

Again, Welcome back to school at ABCS. As we continue throughout the weeks we will update you on our Reopening plan and will let you know when we will begin our Hybrid classes.

Please check your emails, and Class Dojo and our Asta Biyaazh School FaceBook page for updates. If you have questions please call the school at (505) 368-2202 or you may email me at kaibah.begay@sasinm.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kaibah Begay".

Dr. J Kaibah Begay, ABCS Principal