

**LIVINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2020-2021  
Central Registration**

- What:** **PK-12 Registration Days** (for new and returning students)
- Where:** Park High School RecPlex, 102 View Vista Drive
- When:** **Registration Day - Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)**  
If you can't make August 5<sup>th</sup>, then **Tuesday, August 11, 2020 (8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**
- How:** **COVID-19 Health & Safety Precautions**

The following options are available to you for new or returning student registration:

- A. RecPlex** (tables will also be outside if weather allows):
- One parent or guardian per household (no children this year please)
  - Bring your face covering/mask
  - Social distancing required
  - Limited number in RecPlex at one time
  - School nurses are available to answer questions, but will not be administering immunizations this year
- B. In your car:** Come to the high school and a runner will bring your student packets to your car to be filled out on the premises.
- C. Leave a message at your home school to have packets mailed or picked up**
- 

In addition to Central Registration information, families have asked about face coverings and technology needs for 2020-2021. Here is some information that we hope is helpful to you. Please know that our District is planning around three health scenarios. We want to get all everyone into school, while keeping students and staff safe and healthy. More information is coming. Enjoy your summer!

**MASK USE FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

From Your School Nurses:

Sue Harriman, RN and Holly Sienkiewicz, RN

We are looking forward to gathering back together as a school community in August! As we prepare to return to school this fall with the **health and safety of all our staff and students** at the forefront, we would like you to understand that strategic mask wearing (when physical distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained for longer periods of time) will **most likely** play a role as **one of many strategies** to decrease the risk of transmission of the novel coronavirus. **Mask use allows us to safely have more students back in our buildings at one time which is our ultimate goal.** Understandably, this is a controversial issue and mask wearing can be difficult. We also acknowledge there are many varying opinions surrounding the issue. However, we have worked with four local health care providers over the past few weeks to best evaluate the science behind mask use, how to adapt it to the school environment, and what is safest for our students and staff. We are learning more and more every day about this virus and **will need to be flexible over time**. Our ideas about mask use might change as the summer and school year goes on.

Mask use is something we are certainly not used to doing and can take some practice. You are the best models for your child's behavior. Be positive about wearing a mask. Emphasize that it will help others from getting sick and help keep school open. We plan on issuing one mask to every student at the start of the school year but **we also ask for your help**. Please take some time this summer and, if you are able to do so, help find your child(ren) a good fitting mask and have them get used to wearing it. Have them wear it to the grocery store, post office or even just around house for increasing periods of time. Start with 10 minutes and slowly increase the time the mask is worn. Some tips on types of masks are below.

**■** The mask **should**:

- Be comfortable. Yes, they can be hot and “weird” but they need not be uncomfortable.
- Cover both your nose and mouth and fit around your chin as well.
- Fit snugly around your nose. Many masks have a wire piece sewn inside the top which allows you to pinch it around your nose. This is especially helpful for people who wear glasses.
- Be made of several layers of cloth. Masks which are too thin are less effective.

☹️ The mask **should NOT**:

- Be a medical grade N95 mask. These should be used by health care personnel only.
- Have a vent in the front. Many masks sold at the hardware store (to be used in dusty environments for example) have a small vent on them. These are designed to prevent you from inhaling dust but allow you to exhale your breath.

Please see **cdc.gov** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>) for **complete information** about facial coverings: how to wear and wash them properly.

Two online sites which offer good masks:

- <https://www.etsy.com/search?q=facial%20masks>
- and for young kids <https://www.today.com/shop/face-masks-kids-t181575>

And finally ... Park County Environmental Council is giving out **free (donations appreciated) handmade masks at the Farmer's Market** every Wednesday this summer. They have a lot of beautiful fabrics to choose from. Thank you PCEC!  
Enjoy your summer and see you all in August.

**IDEAS FOR TECHNOLOGY**  
**FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
**PK-5 Information is Coming!**

The continued use and necessity of technology in daily school activities will grow with the upcoming school year of 2020-2021, as such so will the students' need for their own device. **While the district is preparing a process to loan school devices to any student**, we also recognize that investing in your own technology may be a decision you make. **Whether preparing for the upcoming school year, shopping for a birthday present or selecting an early graduation present**, you may decide to purchase a device for your student, and we recognize this can be a daunting task for some. We would like to offer a few observations from our staff to help with deciding what type of device would be adequate for schoolwork.

Considerations for Purchasing a Device

- Students will generally use a **keyboard** for any type of school activity so consider a device that has a comfortable keyboard setup.
- Most staff and student computers at the school operate on a **windows system** so unless you use other operating systems at home (Mac, Chromebook, etc.), your student will be most familiar with a Windows device.
- With cloud storage being an extremely common way to keep files, the amount storage is not necessarily to most important feature in selecting a device. Consider a computer with a solid-state drive (**SSD**).
- A **minimum of 4GB of memory (RAM)** will be needed to operate most programs.
- Most staff report success with an Intel Core I3 processor in PCs. However, for more instances where intense graphics demands are needed an **Intel Core I7 processor** would be a more adequate choice (classes like photo, CAD, Multimedia Journalism).
  - If your child will be using the computer for activities requiring video editing or intensive graphic use, consider looking into a higher performance graphics card.
- During the COVID-19 shutdown, many students benefitted from having a **webcam** for synchronous learning. This is a recommended feature.
- Features like touchscreen, tablet conversion, fingerprint readers, stylus pens, etc. are not necessary for completing schoolwork but merely create ease of use. These features tend to increase the price and are not required for school purposes.
- When purchasing a computer, there are many options out there at various price levels- decide based on your own means and needs. A little research outside of these guidelines would greatly aid your purchase.
- In recognition of the investment that goes into purchasing a computer, if your student is college bound, you may also consider **checking in with their preferred college's computer suggestions**.