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Dear Mountain Song Families,

We are writing to share our Return to School plans **starting January 25 for grades K-4**. Thank you to all who completed the parent survey as it has informed our staffing plans.

We will offer Kindergarten students in-person learning 3 days a week, Monday through Wednesday, with remote learning on Thursday and Friday. Kindergarten teachers will be teaching both the in-person and remote students in their classes.

We will offer grades 1-4 students in-person learning 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, with remote learning on Friday. This will allow teachers to plan and collaborate together on Fridays, and also to check in with individual students they might not see during the rest of the week. In general, grades 1-4 teachers are assigned either in-person or remote learning responsibilities.

- **Grade 1:** Shannon Lang and Molly Gunty will be in-person with their own classes. Sara Feldman will teach the remote-learning first grade students.
- **Grade 2:** Amy Siebert will be in-person with her class, and Deserea Morse, long-term substitute, will be in person leading the Lodgepole Pine class. Sara Feldman will teach the remote-learning second grade students.
- **Grade 3:** Ellie Arzate and leeda Banach will rotate and share the in-person and remote-learning responsibilities. The in-person third grade classes will be combined together.
- **Grade 4:** Katie White will be in-person with her class, and Terri Oderman, former Mountain Song class teacher and current long-term substitute, will teach the remote-learning fourth grade students.

Your K-4 class teachers will be reaching out to you to ask for your final decision about whether your children will be in-person or continue in remote learning, now that our specific plans are finalized for these grades.

We will continue to offer grades 5-8 students remote learning 5 days a week. Plans are underway, however, to offer in-person learning for grades 5-8 soon. Please watch for further announcements.

Safety measures at school will continue to be in place, and include the following:

- **Face-coverings:** All students, staff, and visitors are required to wear masks that fully cover both the mouth and nose while indoors.
- **Daily health pre-screenings:** All students and staff are required to be screened for symptoms of illness before entering the school.
- **Frequent handwashing:** Extra handwashing stations have been set up around the school, and teachers will instruct students in frequent handwashing.



- **Maintaining cohorts:** Classes will remain within their own class cohorts and not mix with other cohorts.
- **Enhanced cleaning:** Our custodial staff as well as teachers will provide frequent surface cleaning and sanitizing.

Please see Mountain Song's [Return to School webpage](#) for more information and continued updates.

Thank you again for your continued support in this most challenging of school years!

The Executive Leadership Team