



# Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School

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## May 14 – 18 Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School Information

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Patrons:

1. End of the School Year: The last official day of school will be May 18 2018 with a noon dismissal.
2. Asbestos Abatement: There have been concern expressed about the asbestos abatement process occurring while school is in session. I have completed all the research I can to this point about the abatement process and here is what I want parents to know:
  - The danger of asbestos is only when it is in the form of Dust. There are two types of asbestos “friable” which easily turns to dust and “non-friable” which takes an intentional effort to turn into dust. The school has ONLY non-friable material and it is in the form of the mastic (glue) that holds the tile to the floor.
  - The asbestos containing material is only contained in the mastic NOT the floor tile as was initially thought.
  - Both the mastic and floor tile removal will be done using a wet method that will prevent dust.
  - In addition to using the wet method to prevent dust, the areas where removal is to be completed will be sealed off from the rest of the building including all vents, doors and/or other openings.
  - By sealing off the areas with plastic, in the limited chance any dust forms, it will be contained in the sealed area. This provides two layers of protection to prevent any exposure to students or staff.
  - I have added a third layer of protection by not allowing use of any room or hallway directly next to the areas being abated so students or staff will not be able to accidentally poke a hole in the plastic.
  - Elementary students will not attend band, vocal or art so they do not walk near a sealed opening to prevent any accidental damage to the seal.
  - Classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that are normally held in the elementary wing will be held in the high school to eliminate student travel between buildings so they do not walk near a sealed opening to prevent any accidental damage to the seal.
3. Meals: Breakfast will be available at the elementary building and high school building each morning.  
Lunch will be provided at the Ella Missing Center on Monday, May 14; Wednesday, and Thursday, May 16; and May 17. On Tuesday, May 15, students will be provided sack lunches and we will have a picnic style lunch outside (weather permitting of course).  
Lunch the week of May 14:
  - Mon-- Ham and Cheese Sandwich
  - Tues-- PB&J Sandwich
  - Wed--Hot Dogs
  - Thurs-- BBQ Pulled Pork

Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent  
Bob Braithwait, PK-12 Principal  
John Paulsen, Athletic Director  
Pamela Breinig, PK-12 Counselor

4. Unfortunately, there will not be a Fun Day this year.
5. Parent Concerns: Parents still concerned about safety with children in Grades K-8 can choose to sign their child out on the end of the day on May 11. Grade will be based on work due on or prior to May 11. Work done after May 11 will not affect their grade and the students will receive an excused absent for the following days.

Parents still concerned about safety with children in Grades 9-12 can request their child not have any classes that would take place in the library, band or vocal rooms but these students will need to be at school and complete their work through May 18 since their building is not having any work done. PE will take place outside or in the weight room depending on weather.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Griffith at 308-962-5458 or my cell 308-655-1912 if you have any questions related to the abatement process or any other areas.

Thanks

Dr. Griffith