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ASH FORK WATER SERVICE

From the Water Desk

By Lewis Hume, Water Manager

- Centennial Park continues to be the hub of recreation activities for the youth in our community. Basketball is big for the Teenagers, some skaters use the concrete slab
- occasionally, many kids use the playground while the water wagon is filling up. Evenings in the Summer see a lot of activity after the sun sets.
- With this importance in mind the Ash Fork Development Association Board discussed
- ideas for further improvements to Centennial Park at its recent meeting.
- Some History on Centennial Park. Centennial Park came from the efforts of the Ash Fork Centennial Committee. With the Centennial Celebration a gigantic success (1982),
- the Chairperson suggested the remaining funds be used to secure a Community Park
- site. Efforts were undertaken with the Santa Fe Railroad to get some property under
- lease for this use. Once the property was leased (\$1.00 per-year uncollectible) volun-
- teers organized to erect the fence, set blocks for the picnic tables, install BBQ grills and install the elephant slide. Centennial Park was established.

Sometime later AFDA Board members worked with our elected officials at the state level and the National Guard was selected to form up and pour the concrete for the Basketball court as it is known now. Ash Fork Development Board Directors again saw the need for further improvement at Centennial Park. 2017 saw contact established with Yavapai County Community Foundation. After the application period, a grant was received to help with the new playground set we see today. After getting the playground set up and the positive reaction from the community it was immediately suggested to look into a cover for it. It Looks great.

Now here we are discussing the next improvement. One of the reasons a new purchase can be looked at, is because of the increased donations of aluminum cans. Centennial Park is maintained and improved by the AFDA Board and aluminum can donations. Thank you to our contributors.

The board has set July meeting for further discussion and possible selection for Centennial Park improvements. A \$3500. Limit was discussed.



NORTH COUNTRY HEALTHCARE CLOSES IN ASH FORK

By Fayrene Hume

Ash Fork Medical Clinic... Well, many of you have heard, we have to turn the page for the history of our Health & Dental Clinic. North Country has been providing care to our community for the past 25 years and now they will move on and so will Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. as we continue to "Strive for Community Quality of Life". North Country suspended their medical services at the end of June and will vacate the premises at the end of July. The community of Ash Fork was North Country's beginning with an outreach station.

Ash Fork began providing medical services from a room in the State Coach Motel. Proprietors Fred and Joan Zumbo offered the room at no charge. From there space was provided at the Community Center. Sue Collins, NP was incredibly happy to have the space.

In 1997 work for a new clinic became serious. Things began to come together after getting land and applying for grants. Community support and donations were great. Wayne and Nancy Ulrich were drawing plot plans and by December 1998 a contract was in hand with General Modular to manufacture the building.

The community became excited for the Grand Opening which was held on October 2, 1999. North Country HealthCare celebrated with a Health Fair with some free medical services. This was a fun day with more than 200 people attending. There were numerous booths sharing good food, games, and information. Ann Roggenbuck, North Country CEO at that time, worked with Ash Fork Development Association through the project.

In 2011 Ash Fork was blessed again with the opportunity that could be an addition to the Clinic. Supervisors Carol Springer and Craig Brown offered a usable building for such an expansion. AFDA accepted this gift and the Water Service personnel and volunteers started to work. On January 13, 2012 it was time to celebrate again. Today we have a 3,300 square foot facility to provide a functional health and dental service.

Local Medical and dental services are important for our community. While we wish North Country the best with their exit, this brings an opportunity for the AFDA Board Members to meet with new medical providers. Lewis Hume, our property manager, hopes things can come together and with things in good shape, be ready to talk contracts with another provider. Rest assured we will all pitch in and get things moving quickly to have services resumed.

MEMORIES: It is great to think back on Sue Collins and Martha Versa working out of a small toolbox in the Community Center. Dental service was provided by Dr. Barnes and who could forget Dr. Saul pushing the gurney down the street with a patient to the helicopter landing zone. Dr. Saul leaving and Ann retiring were a great loss felt by the community, as they were a special part.

AFDA staff and volunteers thank you for your support and hope for the best.



From the Office of Leslie Hoffman—Recorder/Elections

Leslie advises that:

- 1. One time ballot—email or call the department. Must answer qualifying questions;
- 2. Voting stations will be open—fully staffed at this time. However, that can change;
- 3. Permanent early voter list (80% registered this way-vote by mail and best way to go);
- 4. Early voting starting on July 8th in Prescott and Cottonwood.

AUGUST 4, 2020 ELECTION—PRIMARY

IMPORTANT DATES

July 6, 2020	Last Day to Register to Vote
July 8, 2020	First Day for Voter Registration to Mail Out Ballots
July 8, 2020	First Day to Vote Early In Person
July 24, 2020	Last Day to Request a Ballot by Mail
July 31, 2020	Last Day to Vote Early in Person

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

> GET OUT AND VOTE

Keeping Yavapai County Healthy, Smarter, Stronger.. positive heaving no symptoms at all, there is a good

On June 17, 2020, Governor Ducey, during a press conference, announced that ADHS has released updated guidance allowing local governments to implement mask and face-covering policies and determine enforcement measures.

"We remain one hundred percent focused on protecting public health and savings lives," said Governor Ducey. "As we continue to expand testing and prioritize our most vulnerable populations, today's stepped-up actions will help further contain the spread of COVID-19 by requiring enhanced compliance with public health guidelines, expanding contact tracing, and providing additional resources to boost local public health efforts."

Today, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Craig Brown, along with Randy Garrison, Community Health Services Director Leslie Horton, and Sheriff Mascher discussed what Yavapai County needs to do in order to maintain our currently low percentage of positive COVID-19 test results.

Chairman Brown said, "We must continue to monitor positive test results as well as hospital and respirator availability. We are not going to mandate mask wearing, but we strongly encourage everyone wear a mask when in public and in enclosed areas,"

Leslie Horton, Yavapai County Community Health Services Director said, "People need to understand why we wear masks. It is not just to protect ourselves but those around us. With such a small percentage of those testing

positive heaving no symptoms at all, there is a good chance someone in your family could be sick and not know it. The only way we are going to keep our positive COVID-19 test results down is to follow the guidelines we have laid out."

Guidelines from the state and local governments include:

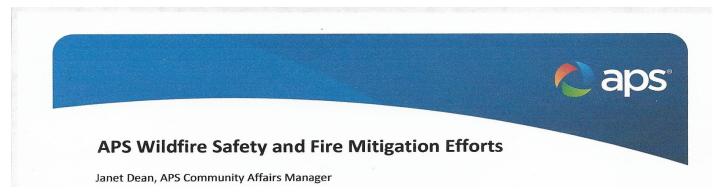
- Wash your hands often—Wash for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water
- Avoid close contact—Physically distance yourself 6 feet or more from others while in public.
- Where physical distancing is not possible, wewar a mask
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect
- Monitor Your Health

Https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.

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Chairman Brown went on to state, "We know no one likes wearing a mask, however social distancing and masks are a necessary sacrifice we need to be willing to make for the health of those most vulnerable, and those with underlying health risks, in our country. We all have a personal responsibility to protect those around us. Wearing a mask is a small sacrifice we are willing to make for those we care about."





Safety and reliability are top priorities for APS. We work year-round to minimize the risk of wildfires and educate customers and communities on the importance of being Firewise. APS has implemented a Comprehensive Fire Mitigation Plan (CFMP) - one of the most robust in the utility industry. The APS Forestry and Fire Mitigation Team implements the CFMP and works closely with customers, communities and local fire authorities, including the US Forest Service, to ensure we have cohesive strategies to mitigate the risk of wildfire. Highlights of the CFMP are below.

Integrated Vegetation Management Program—APS Forestry conducts annual inspections of transmission and distribution lines to ensure proper vegetation clearances around our equipment. This occurs in order to mitigate risk and maintain safe operations. We properly prune trees and clear brush around APS rights-of-way and equipment by mechanical treatment and utilization of herbicide application where appropriate in accordance with all state regulations. The intent of APS vegetation management is to create a safe area for our equipment to operate and also create fuel and fire breaks. Historically, our utility rights-of-way have been heavily used by the fire service as a fire break so it becomes imperative that we clear these areas routinely.

Defensible Space Around Poles Program—The purpose of the program is to proactively create defensible space around poles to protect APS equipment from the impacts of wildfire and prevent wildfire ignitions. The intent is to clear all vegetation within a ten-foot radius from equipment poles.

Line Inspections and Public Safety Patrols—We conduct an annual patrol of over 2,870 miles of overhead lines using drones, vehicles and by foot in heavily vegetated areas such as the Wildland-urban interface. Annually, APS completes a pole-by-pole inspection of every distribution feeder. We identify all corrective work required on each pole and complete maintenance in advance of elevated fire conditions each year.

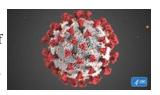
Operational Protocol—As in previous years, APS will continue our operational protocols as part of our mitigation measures during outages. Before we reenergize a line during an outage in a high fire risk area, APS will physically patrol the line with additional rigor. We recognize that this could prolong outages, but we are prioritizing the safety of our customers and communities.

Customer Communication— We realize any disruption of power is a major inconvenience to customers so we have sent a postcard to all customers in areas of high fire risk that includes safety and Firewise tips as well as notification that, in some instances, they could experience longer than normal outages.

Additional resources for customers are also available at: aps.com/wildfiresafety.

COVID-19 TESTING

Community Health Center of Yavapai has made COVID-19 testing available to everyone. Testing is done at no



charge to insured patients, however insurance is billed. There is also no charge for testing for uninsured individuals who qualify for the sliding fee scale. If a patient is symptomatic, they must see a Provider prior to being tested, When it is necessary to see a Provider, all visit fees will apply. Community Health Center of Yavapai is committed to insuring that everyone has access to healthcare. A sliding fee scale is available to those in need. For appointments at the Prescott or Prescott Valley location, please call (928)583-1000. For appointments at the Cottonwood location, please call (928-639-8132

2020 Census... Have you been counted???

Census workers are in the area!

You received in the mail a notice that read "Census 2020 is here". Your participation directly impacts federal resources for our communities. This means more funding for roads, health care, water services, education and more.

Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, and be counted. It has been reported only 47% in Yavapai County have participated. Step up and be counted. Questions are brief. Those with computers: iCount2020.info or by Phone: 1-844-330-2020



Wes Farley, new owner of Oasis Lounge on Park Ave.

Oasis Lounge has new faces. Al and Christine Reed have retired. Wes Farley is presently in the managers seat and prospective proprietor. Sue Taylor is bar maid during the day. Wes has plans for additional activities. More food soon, Pool Tournaments, Super Bowl Parties, New Years, World Series and more. He also has interest in history and has plans for a collage of early Ash Fork History and history of the Oasis events.

Wes invites all to stop in, even if it's just to say Hello. Wes, isn't new to Ash Fork. He has been here for several years and wishes to be part of the community. With that we'll all get to know Wes.

Just the first of events Wes is planning:

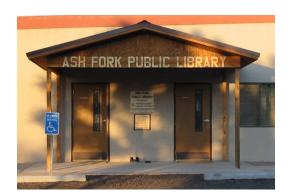
4th of July—You are invited to the Oasis!

Activities: 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Pool Tournament

BBQ

Live Music



ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ash Fork Public Library is open by appointment only. They offer curb-side holds and the Book Drop is open. Reference available by phone (928-637-2774) or email. WI-FI available outside library. Library hours are from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm





Terry Tapp, new owner of Zettler's Gift Shop on Lewis Ave. Standing on the Route 66 emblem with his 4-legged companions Toby and Tippy.

Terry comes from Phoenix, running Top Shoppe, LLC, specializing in restoration and upholstery for antiques.

He is no stranger to Northern Arizona. He has establishments in Flagstaff, Williams and properties in the outlying areas (KEW and Westwood) and now Ash Fork proper.

Ash Fork welcomes Terry and wishes him the best. Though he will be busy getting things up and running, you can still stop and say HI. At present it will be the gift shop, but as time goes on he has plans for some expansion. It's a small world—we happen to know Terry's upholsterer "Cy Bassett", now retired.

We say farewell to Martin and Gail Meserve from The Shifty Jack Ranch & Horse Boarding in K.E.W. for the past 10 years. They will be making their home in Michigan to be near family. Wishing them the best.

A big welcome to new owners Jason & Kim Nicoll and family from Flagstaff & Williams. They will continue with the horse boarding business as they have horses as well. They are excited about the set up of the Ranch and what if offers. Look forward to the Nicoll family being part of the community.

Thanks everyone who came out during the week and on May 16th for the Annual Cemetery Clean-up. Everyone counts and together we show a caring and loving community. The once a year effort doesn't take care of the weeds, which come freely. Mowing from time to time keeps things kind of under control.

The Annual Clean-up is scheduled to have the Cemetery presentable for Memorial Day. This years Memorial Day services were cancelled, as many things were in the 2020 Coronavirus.

Next Year?

HELP WANTED

NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 119 N. ASPEN AVE. FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001

> 928.774.1895 www.nacog.org HR@nacog.org

NACOG Head Start is currently recruiting for Substitute II (Teacher) positions, and Substitute I (Aide) positions in the Williams and Ash Fork areas

These are "as needed" positions with the potential for full-time employment.

Benefits include: Substitute II \$14.77/hr. up to 35 hrs./wk., sick

pay

Substitute I \$11.00/hr. up to 35 hrs./wk., sick

Visit <u>nacog.org</u> to complete an employment application.

Questions: <u>HR@nacog.org</u>
Or 928.213.5234

Equal opportunity employer and committed to workplace diversity.

ASH FORK & WILLIAMS HEAD START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!

We have a Center based program serving 3-5 year old's, a Home-based program for 3-5 year old's and an Early Head Start Home-based program serving Prenatal Moms and Children 0-3. *Family support service *Age appropriate activities *Training for Parents *Nutritious meals & snacks *Assistance with medical & dental services *Transportation referrals *Services for children with different abilities *Professionally trained/licensed Early Childhood Staff

Ash Fork Head Start 450 W. Lewis Ave., Ash Fork 86320 (928)637-1027

*All services are FREE

Williams Head Start 310 W. Sherman Williams, AZ 86046 (928)635-4273

Please stop by today to enroll your child!

Have you noticed?.. Even without rain the weeds really flourish. Some businesses have stepped up and did a short cut (weeds) on their properties west of 7th St. and Old Route 66. Looks great.

AFDA/Water Service have several young part-time workers who have been working hard and taking pride in how it makes their community look. Zack, Dom, Tanner, Owen and Angel have completed weeding at the Library, Monument, Centennial Park, Fire Dept., Health Clinic and Water Tank site. Next on the list will be the thoroughfare from east to west of town which is now getting underway. You can't help but notice where they work each time. Really needed was some grants for fulltime summer help, but didn't come through for us this year.



AFDA ANNUAL ELECTIONS—AUGUST 3, 2020—8:00 PM—ASH FORK COMMUNITY CENTER

Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. board is made up of elected volunteers, a representative from K.E.W. and Juniperwood Ranch. The other six members are from the "franchised water user district".

Nominations are open at the July 15th meeting which takes place at 7:00 pm at the Escalante Room and again prior to the elections on August 3rd at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center,

Board members are volunteers and are expected to attend all regularly scheduled board meetings, follow job description and guidelines, rules and regulations. To conduct business only as a board. Take an active part in meetings and interest in future growth and make plans for managed growth (grants, loans, additional sources), ideas and willingness to work on needed projects to better serve the needs of the community.

The objective of the Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. is to provide water services to residents of the Ash Fork Arizona area, then to better serve the needs of the community. Look around and see the many things the board with community support have accomplished over the years to better serve the community. The board is still at work improving where there is a need. Things are noticeable. Thanks.

CALENDARS— It's time to wrap up sales of the 59th issue of the Ash Fork Community Calendars. Family calendar orders may be left at Water Service Office on Lewis Ave. or call Fay (928)637-2413 or (928)637-8629. Price is \$6.00 per household. We only order a few extras so be sure to order yours' today.

Your support is greatly appreciated. All proceeds go back into the community.

Thanks to the businesses who advertise on the calendar. Without you we couldn't do the calendar fundraiser.



2020 Ash Fork / Kaibab Estates West Community Cleanup Voucher Days



Friday, August 21 - Saturday, August 29, 2020

Williams Transfer Station

800 N. Airport Road

Williams, AZ 86046 • 928-635-9108

Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Paulden Transfer Station

23750 N. Marblehead Ave.

Paulden, AZ 86334 • 928-771-3183

Tuesday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Seligman Transfer Station

55799 N. Seligman Landfill Rd.

Seligman, AZ 86337 • 928-771-3183

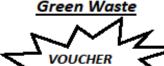
Wednesday: 8am-4pm • Friday: 8am-4pm • Saturday: 8am-4pm



No Commercial Loads

Residential Loads

Only!



REQUIRED

- Load sizes are limited: 1 Voucher = 1 trip up to 3 cubic yards (A standard pickup bed is 2' x 8' long x 5' wide) or 1 ton for bulk waste <u>OR</u> 1 refrigerated appliance
- Large loads may be weighed
- Residents <u>WILL</u> be charged for entire loads that are oversized
- Waste tires accepted WITHOUT RIMS

- No load size restrictions
- All green waste is accepted
- Green waste includes branches and natural forest materials
- Please separate out scrap construction lumber for disposal

DAYS & HOURS OF OPERATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OR OTHER UNFORESEEN FACTORS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

₩ Waste Tires <u>WITH</u> Rims

Dirt, Rocks, Concrete

Vehicle Parts

Dead Animals

Hazardous or Bio-Waste

Hazardous Materials, Which Include:

Antifreeze, Batteries, Electronic Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Oils, Paints, Pesticides & Solvents

DON'T "WASTE" TIME...SEPARATE YOUR STUFF!

DIFFERENT WASTE GOES TO DIFFERENT PLACES...PLEASE PACK YOUR WASTE SEPARATELY
SO THAT IT CAN BE UNLOADED QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL COCONINO COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AT 928-679-8300,

YAVAPAI COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AT 928-771-3183 OR VISIT WWW.COCONINO.AZ.GOV/SOLIDWASTEDIVISION

NOTE: The vouchers for this cleanup will go out around the end of July. The vouchers are being mailed out to all residents within a 10 mile radius of the Ash Fork Post Office.





#FIRST THINGS FIRST

Lynda Bennett 480-493-6566 lbennett@firstthingsfirst.org

Childhood immunization rates slipping to dangerously low levels

An unforeseen consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic is that parents are skipping well-child checkups and the life-saving childhood immunizations that go with them.

First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency, is working with early childhood partners to urge families to keep their babies, toddlers and preschoolers on schedule for their immunizations.

"We're trying to help families navigate this new normal," said FTF Senior Director for Children's Health Vincent Torres. He is part of a team of state agencies that meet frequently to look at challenges caused by the pandemic and the health impact it is having on families across Arizona.

"How do we educate families and build their understanding of the pandemic and how important it is that their child still receive well-child checkups?," Torres said.

The estimated 50% drop in vaccination orders, compared to the same time last year, is raising red flags that preventable diseases, such as measles, mumps and rubella that have been nearly eliminated through the effective use of vaccines, may soon surge.

"The risk comes in very young children who need to get their basic immunizations in the first 24 months of life," said Debbie McCune, executive director of The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI). "As they fall behind, the risk for measles, whopping cough and other preventable diseases becomes greater."

TAPI works statewide to fight the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases and their effects by raising awareness about immunizations.

It's a concern shared by many in the health care community, especially members of the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP), which recently kicked off a Back to the Office campaign to reassure parents that pediatrician offices are open, safe and ready to see children for their well-child checkups.

Community pediatrician Dr. Jason Vargas said his office has seen a dramatic drop in well-child visits since the COVID-19 pandemic began. "Eighty to 90% of families were simply not bringing their children in," said Vargas, who is president-elect of AzAAP. "There was a lack of information out there saying that it was ok to visit your pediatrician."

His office staff has been calling families to let them that it is safe to bring in their children for the well-child visits they may have missed. Well-child checkups, which include the opportunity for pediatricians to complete developmental screenings and immunizations to prevent disease, are essential for the health of young children.



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At North Country HealthCare, which serves Williams, Ash Fork and Seligman, Sara Cortnie Zmrzyl, a pediatric nurse practitioner, reminds her families with young children that vaccines and well-child checks are an important aspects of a child's routine care.

"Vaccines are extremely safe, effective, and evidence-based," Zmrzyl said. "Vaccines help prevent many childhood illnesses that can be life threatening, along with providing immunity into adulthood."

Dr. Michael Durschel, who practices family medicine at North Country HealthCare, pointed out that "with everyone concerned about COVID-19, it's easy to forget about the importance of routine vaccinations. Childhood vaccines prevent brain, gastrointestinal and respiratory diseases."

He added that since COVID-19 often occurs alongside other diseases, "it's extra important to make sure we prevent secondary infections which could make the difference if you or your child were to get sick."

One way is to remind families that their child's health care provider or pediatrician's sole goal is to keep their child healthy, McCune said. "Young children aren't protected yet from many diseases. Infants rely on those boosters and they're left vulnerable if they are taken off their immunization schedule."

Falling behind on the vaccination schedule could eventually put more young children at risk and could even cause a vaccine shortage if medical offices are inundated at once with families bringing in their children for vaccinations.

McCune said it is difficult to predict in real time what the lower immunizations rates will mean.

"What we can do is observe what has happened in the past. When vaccine coverage rates slip below 95%, it's easier for measles to spread," she said. "As numbers slide downward, the protection in the community begins to erode. Instead of random cases of pertussis or measles, it can spread to children without the vaccine. We need to keep our protective shield up."

McCune's message to parents is simple.

"Trust your health care provider," she said. "In time, there will be a vaccine for COVID-19, but it would be terrible if we don't do what we can to keep young children up-to-date and protected from diseases that we can prevent."

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About First Things First –First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

ASH FORK UNIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Dear Parent/ Guardian.

I know all of us have been wondering how school will look as we begin the 20/21 School Year. I hope this document will help both student families and staff understand how we can be proactive in staying healthy, but still maintain an environment that is beneficial for learning and empowerment.

The steps outlined below contain the efforts and professional suggestions of many stakeholders. The final draft was reviewed and approved by the Yavapai County Health Officials. With this being said we do consider this to be a live document and are always willing to hear from any families willing to improve the procedures for health and learning. Current real world situations are always apt to change and we are willing to adapt to meet any new circumstances that may arise.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

One of the best opportunities to keep everyone safe is to stop any unhealthy individuals from getting on the buses or getting to campus. The first step in keeping all of us safe is screening your child at home prior to leaving for school. Here is a bulleted list of symptoms to look for.

- fever of 100 degrees or higher, or chills;
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- muscle aches;
- sore throat:
- headache;
- fatigue;
- congestion or runny nose;
- cough;
- vomiting;
- diarrhea; or
- new loss of taste or smell.

Rest assured that the district will be vigilant in ensuring that any students that miss school days will receive work and additional time to help in mastering the standards.

The bus will now arrive on campus at 7:35 instead of 7:15. We will send out a new bus schedule that addresses the different start time.

Bus

- All students must be with a guardian when waiting for the bus at a designated bus stop and practice social distancing protocol.
- A staff member riding the bus will check all temperatures with a zero contact thermometer.
- Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed on the bus.

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• The bus aid will give a disposable mask and apply hand sanitizer to every student that enters the bus (social distancing on the bus will be nearly impossible and masks will not be required once a student exits the bus)

Drop Off

- When arriving at school please have your child stay in the vehicle.
- A school staff member will check all temperatures before students exit the vehicle
- Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be permitted to enter campus.
- Staff will give all individuals that enter campus hand sanitizer.

SCHOOL DAY

The goal is for the school day to have a closer resemblance to, well school, due to our efforts to screen all individuals before entering campus we hope this will be possible. Please note that the new start time for students to arrive on campus is 7:35 AM.

On Campus

- Students are not required to wear a mask while on campus, but you may have your child do so if you wish (the district will have masks on hand for individuals who wish to use them)
- Students will go straight to their classroom (No morning time will be spent in the multi-purpose room)
- Breakfast will be served in classrooms
- Classroom practices of group work, engagement, and learning strategies will still be practiced and encouraged during instruction.
- Recess will be held outside, but we will not combine multiple classes during recess time. All playground equipment will be sanitized between groups.
- Students will keep one device for the entire school day
- Lockers will not be used issued or used (high School Only)
- Sanitization procedures will be followed between classes that switch teachers throughout the day.
- Passing period times will be adjusted to minimize interaction in the hall ways.
- Sanitation of common areas such as bathrooms and drinking fountains will be dramatically increased by district maintenance staff.
- One way lanes will be established in hall ways
- The district has created a quarantine room for any individuals that exhibit symptoms of an illness until guardians arrive.

Lunch

- Lunch serving times will be staggered to allow classes to have lunch separate from other classes
- Lunch line will not be against the wall
- Only three classes will be allowed in the multi-purpose room at any time and will be separated by class
- Students will have recess with their class
- Any High School Students that leave campus for lunch must be rechecked for temperature and apply hand sanitizer.

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Cell Phones (High School Only)

- Cell phones will not be collected at the start of classes
- Cell phones must be on silent mode or off and kept inside of a back pack or other container
- Only one warning will be given before a cell phone is confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. (the instructor does have the agency to give the cell phone back after the class period depending on the frequency of the issue and quick compliance of the student)

DEPARTURE FROM CAMPUS

Getting students home safely is just as important as getting them to school safely. School departure procedures will be somewhat similar to arrival.

- Classes will be released one at a time
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided to all bus passengers
- All after school tutoring/intervention will be kept on a daily rotation per class

FRIDAY SCHOOL

We will have Friday School. Friday School is very important for students that struggled last year during the campus closure to get caught up.

- Only groups of seven or less students will be allowed to attend Friday School
- Social distancing will be practiced in the classroom
- School arrival procedures will be followed (listed above)

SPORTS

This is probably one of the most difficult areas to establish low contact in, but we hope these guidelines will be of benefit.

- Temperatures will be taken prior to practice
- Athletes are to bring their own water bottles
- If the coach does not provide daily washing of practice uniforms the athlete is then required to have clean practice clothes daily.
- If you have a copy of last year's physical it will work for the new season. (The district does not keep any physical records on file after the season is over)
- All equipment will be sterilized between practices.

HIGH RISK STUDENTS

If you have a child that is "High Risk" if they were to get the coronavirus the school will supply additional academic tools and instruction to learn at home. Please provide a note from a doctor to provide evidence that a high risk situation exists in order to receive a modified curriculum.

I hope this document has shed some light on what the upcoming school year will look like. I understand that the personal views surrounding this situation are extremely varied and contrasting. It is the district's intent to provide a quality education for all in a safe and healthy environment.

I am not very active on social media, so if you have some ideas to improve our school year please contact me directly at the district office.

Sincerely, Seth Staples

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THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WATER. IN ADDITION THE ASSOCIATION WILL RENDER CONSTRUCTIVE CIVIC SERVICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE CITIZENS OF ASH FORK, AZ, TO INCULCATE CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS BY MEANS OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTIVE PROJECTS WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION.

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING DATES:

JULY15, 2020

7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING
ESCALANTE MEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING
LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)
AUGUST 3, 2020

AFDA ELECTIONS 8:00 PM HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER (NEXT TO WATER COMPANY)

Ash Fork Tourist Center

And Museum

Currently Closed

Date to be determined for reopening!

Operated by Volunteers

Ash Fork Historical Society

ASH FORK SCHOOL SCHEDULE

July 20 Staff Returns

July 22 First Day of School

September 7 Labor Day

September 24 End of 1st Quarter

September 28-30 Fall Break

Community Church Schedules:

Ash Fork Baptist Church Lewis Ave. & 1st St. Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Pathway Chapel Double A Ranch Rd. Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM

St. Anne Catholic Church 7th St. Wed. & Sat.: Rosary 3:30 p.m. Mass 4:00 PM

Gospel of Faith Church Bullock Rd. @ Cattle Guard Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Emmanuel Trinity Church 47423 N. 4th St. Sunday (Bi-lingual) 10 AM Wed. Bible Study 6 PM

Information call Pastor Robert (928) 853-1122