

# Summer Updates: Important

July 29, 2021

## Greetings Eagles,

I hope that you are enjoying a safe, fun, and exciting summer. We are preparing for our scholars' return and anticipate a year of exceptional learning. Many exciting things are happening this year at MESA, beginning with an outdoor classroom that we will use to support our environmental science focus.

Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy plans to open up five days a week with in-person learning and transportation services. For families in need of before/after school programs, we are offering this service in partnership with the YMCA.

The first day of school is August 16, 2021. Our school hours are from 7:30 AM-2:30 PM. You may purchase uniform shirts at MESA on August 9, 2021. This year we are fully enforcing the dress code.

We are proud of our upgraded technology, freshly painted walls, the cleanliness of our facility, well-groomed courtyard with a vegetable garden, and highly qualified staff ready to meet the needs of our students and families.

## Please note:

MESA will be following the CDC guidance for schools. This includes continued indoor masking, handwashing, staying home when sick, testing, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation and enhanced cleaning. These are all essential layers of prevention that we have learned over the past year and a half. With your continued support, we can provide the safest learning environment possible.

We are also working with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to be fully immunized before we return to school, as advised by the CDC.

## Continued safety measures that will be in place at MESA this fall include:

- Everyone entering the building will be required to wear a mask.
- Children will be spaced three feet apart when possible.
- Visitors to the building will remain limited.
- We ask that parents continue to monitor their children for symptoms at home, keep sick children at home, and get tested when applicable.
- The Engineering Team will clean classrooms, bathrooms, and shared spaces at various times throughout the school day.
- You may download a school calendar at our website: [mesa-school.org](http://mesa-school.org).

We look forward to seeing you soon and anticipate the best year ever.

Sincerely,

Ms. Janet Colvin

MESA Principal