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Hello Students and Panther Families!

I am so excited about the opportunity to teach your child this upcoming school year. I know we are dealing with a lot of uncertainty and uncharted waters. Nevertheless, I want you and your student to know that I and everyone else at Eastland Preparatory Academy / Eastland High are here to make this year engaging and safe.

I will have your students for both English Language Arts and Social Studies. We will focus on building relationships, English skills, and taking whirlwind adventures back into Ancient Civilizations from across the world. But, to engage in all the exciting things, that we will be doing this year we, **MUST** do it safely.

I will follow the CDC classroom guidelines, which can be found right on the CDC's website, as issued by the federal government. This means that your student must be masked throughout the school day. Your student will have their own table, which can accommodate all of their school supplies. They will be assigned bathroom breaks to manage foot traffic in the hallways and bathrooms. In addition to this, we are no longer allowing students to use the water fountain. Instead, they may bring a water bottle with them to school but it must be clear and they can only have water. Your students will also be eating breakfast and lunch inside the classroom to keep everyone separated and safe.

Every morning I will sanitize every table and chair as well as right before I leave for the evening. Teachers will also wear face masks and shields throughout the day. But if your student wishes for me to sanitize their table throughout the day, all they have to do is ask!

My primary goal is to keep your child safe and nurture their education. On the first day of school, your child will be given a syllabus to take home, share with you, and they will have to bring back the last page signed by a parent or guardian as well as themselves. This is to ensure that everyone knows the classroom expectations, consequences, and our grade break downs.

Before this syllabus comes out I wanted to talk about what will happen if your student breaks one of our classroom rules. The most important rule for this classroom is to wear your mask at all times and do not touch another student or their belongings. This is to ensure that your student, their peers, and myself remain safe. Hopefully, this will subside but in the meantime, it's better to be safe than sorry!

I eagerly look forward to working with you and your student!

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