

## School and the Pandemic

My grandson's school has been in-person since the pandemic began, with great success. The kids wear good masks, the air purifiers run indoors, there are wash stations, the kids understand how the virus spreads, but most important is that school is outdoors. They stayed outdoors all through the winter and were fine with it. They started the day around the fire pit, they all dressed warm, and when it snowed, they played in the snow. The kicker is that the kids learn better outdoors than they did before the pandemic.

Outdoor classes and masks mitigate not just pandemics, but all kinds of colds and flues.

There's also the avoidance of the current massive wave of myopia sweeping the planet. Sunlight, particularly around the blue and violet spectrum, is essential to the development of a child's eyeball. In combination with a lack of long distance focus, lack of sunlight results in the eyeball growing oval instead of spherical, resulting in permanent myopia.

It doesn't take all that much to pull it off. All you really need are shade from the sun, rain, snow, and wind, and in some places and seasons, mosquito netting. There will be times and places where outdoor classes won't be feasible, so classrooms need good ventilation and air purifiers when good ventilation is not an option.

It's quite clear by now that, except for the ones who've been brainwashed by anti-masker parents, the kids are fine with wearing a mask. They're certainly much more comfortable with them than adults. They have mask tan lines.