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Dear Parents/Guardians,

July 30, 2020

Welcome back! We are excited to begin this year with you, even if it will look a little different. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some changes taking place. Our hope is that it may answer some of your questions. Should it not, please do not hesitate to contact our campus.

Due to the current health concerns, we are working to limit the number of people in our buildings. Therefore, we are making significant changes to our back-to-school procedures.

### Eagle Launch - Friday, August 14:

**Who will attend?** All incoming **second graders** and all **new students in third, fourth and fifth grade**

- The parents of all second graders and new students to the campus will be contacted by a homeroom teacher to schedule their campus visit.
- To reduce traffic on the campus, small groups will rotate throughout the day.
- Staff will be available to assist students in finding their room during that time.
- One adult may accompany the student to Eagle Launch.
- Masks are required for students and staff..
- Students will only visit their homeroom teacher.
- Please bring all supplies with you.

**First Day of School Procedures:** These will be communicated prior to the first day of school. We will not be allowing visitors in our buildings until further notice. Therefore, parents will not be allowed to walk their child to their classroom on the first day of school. We will have staff available to guide students in the right direction.

**Supplies for Returning Students:** Returning students will need to bring their supplies during the first week of school. On the first day, we recommend using a large zip-lock bag, labeled with name, to hold smaller items (crayons, map pencils, erasers, scissors, glue, pens/pencils, etc.) Larger items may be brought the following two days if unable to bring the first day. We will mail information regarding this process. If you purchased a pre-packaged supply bundle, it will be delivered to your child's homeroom class. These bundles are still available until the end of the day on Saturday, August 1st. For more information on this option, visit the BHISD website at <https://www.bhisd.net/parents-students/school-supply-lists> and click on the ribbon that reads "Order Pre-Packaged School Supplies."

**Student Masks:** As you are aware, BHISD is required to follow the Governor's orders regarding face coverings which requires individuals over 10 to wear a mask when inside a building or space open to the public. Due to the need for a unified safety protocol at our elementary campuses, all students, grades 2-5, will be required to wear a mask. To minimize this inconvenience, BHISD is providing each student a three-sided, plexiglass safety shield for use during classroom instruction. **While they are seated in the classroom behind the safety shield, students will be able to remove their masks.** Please note, students will be permitted to wear a mask behind the safety shield if they so choose which could lessen the likelihood of quarantine, if the need arises. We request you send a mask to school with your child each day. However, masks will be provided if needed.

The district policy regarding face coverings follows: Face coverings are required for safety and shall not be worn in a manner that distracts from instruction. Face coverings will be worn to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer, but shall not cover other parts of the face, such as the eyes. Face coverings shall be free of written messages and symbols. "Spirit" face masks that say Barbers Hill, Eagles, The Hill, BH, or We Can We Will, will be allowed. We will review these guidelines periodically to determine if additional changes are needed.

We appreciate you partnering with us as we navigate through unprecedented times. Our goal is to educate students at a high level of excellence in the safest manner possible.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Martin  
Barbers Hill Elementary North, Principal

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