

Dear Parents/Guardians,

July 30, 2020

I hope this communication finds you all well and that you have enjoyed a safe, healthy summer spending time with your family. We are excited to welcome you back and begin this year. 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 - Monday- August 17, 2020 7:30 am- 12:30 p.m.

Who will attend? *All students enrolled for traditional learning in PPCD, Pre K, and Tuition Supported PreK*

- We have a new Pre Kindergarten Center campus so **all** of our students will be contacted by your student's homeroom teacher to schedule visits to the campus and classroom.
- To reduce traffic on the campus, small groups will rotate throughout the day by appointment only.
- Staff will be available to assist you in finding your child's classroom.
- One adult may accompany the student to Eagle Launch.
- Masks are required for adults and staff.
- Masks are optional for our students due to their age according to the governor's executive order, however they are welcome.
- Students will only visit their homeroom teacher.
- Please bring all supplies with you. (*Tuition Supported Pre K supplies are already on campus.*)

Supplies for Students: Students bringing supplies will need to bring their supplies during your Eagle Launch visit. We recommend using a large zip-lock bag, labeled with student name, to hold smaller items (crayons, map pencils, erasers, scissors, glue, pens/pencils, etc.) If you purchased a pre-packaged supply bundle, it will be delivered to your child's homeroom class.

Face Masks: Students at the PreK Center are welcome to wear masks, however masks are only required for students while riding the bus. We know that the wearing of masks reduces the spread of the virus and lessens the likelihood of a quarantine, if the need arises. If you choose for your child to wear a mask, please note the district guidelines regarding face coverings. *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. For clarification purposes, a student's name is not a written message, therefore is allowed.*

To add a layer of safety for our youngest eagles, BHISD is providing each student a plexiglass safety barrier for use during classroom instruction. Those students who **choose to wear a mask will be able to take it off while seated behind the plexiglass barrier/shield if they so choose.**

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,

Lisa Watkins
Barbers Hill Pre K Center, Principal