

# ***HHES Parent Newsletter***

January 11, 2021

## **Note from the Principals**

HHES Families:

We are delighted to welcome students in grades 1-3 back to in-person learning on January 19 and students in grades 4-5 back on February 1. We have missed seeing the students each day! We know that remote learning has been challenging for many students and are happy to offer this opportunity for in-person instruction. We know that in-person learning is not the best fit for all, so we will continue to offer both in-person, remote, and HVA options for students.

Later this week, you will get an phone call asking you to check your email. At that time, please check your email for additional information about our return to school, including class assignments. (We cannot share any information on class placements or assignments until an agreement is reached between HSD and the HEA (Hockinson Education Association).) We will also be sending home a video with a tour of the school and information about COVID-related procedures.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

~ Josh and Meredith

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## **Class Assignments and Schedule**

Students returning for in-person learning will be attending school four days per week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students will be assigned to either an a.m. (8 - 10:30 a.m.) session or p.m. (12 - 2:30 p.m.) session. All students from the same family will be assigned to the same learning session.

During in-person learning sessions, students will receive instruction in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies from their classroom teacher. Teachers will send home additional work for students to complete for the other portion of the school day. This assigned work will include reading, completing class work, and using learning apps, such as iReady.

Specialist classes (art, music, and PE) will take place outside of the learning session. Specialists will continue to provide one live Zoom session and two asynchronous (video) lessons per week.

We know that you are eager to receive your child's class assignment and learning session. These will be emailed to families ASAP (pending an agreement between HSD and the HEA).



## Attestation Forms

As a part of our health screening process, families must complete a monthly attestation form for each student. The form asks you to attest that your child is currently free from the symptoms of COVID 19 and that you will keep your child at home if they develop any COVID-19 symptoms throughout the month.

Please complete this [form](#) for each student in grades 1-3. This form will cover the period of January 19 - 31. We will send out reminders to complete your attestation form prior to the beginning of each month.



## Camp Hockinson Day Care

Hockinson Community Education will be offering half-day and full-day camps starting Tuesday, Jan. 19 for HHES elementary students. Here are some details:

Who: Available to HHES students in Grades K-5

When: 7 am - 6 pm. Half-day (up to 5 hours) and Full-day (Over 5 hours) camps are available.

Price: \$25 (Half-day) and \$45 (Full-day)

Where: Hockinson Community Center (15916 NE 182nd Ave).

HSD bus transportation will be provided to/from HHES and the Community Center. Additional program information can be found [here](#).

For more information, contact Charity Schadt, HSD Community Education Director, at [charity.schadt@hocksd.org](mailto:charity.schadt@hocksd.org)

## School Safety

Student and staff safety is of critical importance to all of us at HHES. We have implemented a variety of safety measures to ensure that HHES remains a safe learning environment for all. These procedures will help us to maintain social distancing.

### Pick Up and Drop Off Plan

You'll notice a few changes to our parent pick up and drop off procedures when you visit campus. Student drop off will continue to be outside of the commons. When you drop off your student, please enter campus through the west gate and pull up to the curb outside of the commons. Staff members will be outside to help your student. After exiting the car, students will walk on the painted dots to the commons for their health screening.

For parent pick up, please use the parent pick up lanes outside of the commons (as we have done in previous years). Please hang your parent pick up number tag from your rearview mirror. If you do not have a pick up number tag from a prior year, one will be sent home with your oldest K-3 student on the first day of in-person school. Please remain in your car. A staff member will walk your child to your vehicle.

Students riding the bus will be dropped off in front of the blue office and will complete a health screening.

### **Health Screening**

Each day, students will be screened by our school staff. This health screening includes a temperature check and visual screening. The visual screening involves ... If your child has a fever or other signs of illness, we will contact you.

### **Classroom Set-Up**

Classrooms have been set up to maintain social distancing. Desks are spaced 6 feet apart within the classroom. Student supplies are stored separately so that only your child we have access to their school supplies and books.

Drinking fountains within the classroom have been closed, so please send your child to school with a water bottle. Following health department guidelines, we will not have snacks in class.

### **Walking Dots on Campus**

Dots have been painted around the HHES campus to help maintain social distancing. Students will walk dot-to-dot to help them remain 6 feet apart while they walk on campus.

In addition to the procedures listed above, Hockinson School District has put the following safety procedures during the 2020-21 school year.

### **HSD Responsibilities (partial list)**

- Staff training on COVID procedures and protocols
- Custodial meetings and ongoing trainings to ensure best practices are implemented
- Plexiglass barriers in front offices
- Specialized personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face shields, disposable gowns, portable plexiglass barriers
- Limiting campus visitors and visitor attestation process (paper or Skyward)
- Hand sanitizer, three sizes of gloves, disinfectant wipes, masks, thermometers at front entrances
- Additional hand sanitizer stations installed throughout schools
- High frequency cleaning of common areas and surfaces such as door handles
- Electrostatic disinfectant equipment
- PPE in each classroom (sanitizer, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, disposable gloves)
- Campus decals and signage to support social distancing, hand washing, and the wearing of masks
- Isolation protocols for suspected infections
- Nightly flushes of air systems and MERV-13 (hospital grade) filters have been installed

## **Upcoming Events**

January 11 - 22: iReady Testing (Grades 4-5)

January 16: Temperance and Good Citizenship Day  
January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School  
January 19: Grade 1-3 Students In-Person Return  
January 19: Safety Training (Grades K-3)  
January 21 -22: iReady Testing (Grades K-3)  
January 29: Semester Break - No Classes  
January 30: Semester 2 Begins  
February 1: Report Cards Sent Home  
February 1: Grade 4 - 5 In Person Return  
February 12 - 15: Presidents' Day Break - No Classes  
March 3: School Picture Day



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