

August 2023 Dear Quatama Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you've had a safe and rejuvenating summer so far. We are excited to be seeing you all soon. In preparation for the upcoming school year, we wanted to share the following information with you all.

- Office Hours: Our office will reopen for the school year on Thursday, August 17th. Our office hours are from 7:30-4:00.
- □ Kindergarten Assessments: Friday, August 25th & Friday, September 1st. If you do not have an appointment, please make sure your student is registered, so that you can schedule an appointment.
- Incoming Kindergarten Park Date: Wednesday, August 30th @ Quatama Playground from 3:00-4:00.
- Back to School Ice Cream Social: Thursday, August 31st Meet your teachers from 2:30-3:30.
- □ First Day of School: The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Tuesday, September 5th. Kindergarten students will begin on Wednesday, September 6th. Bus drop off is on the east side of the school and parent drop off is on the west side in our staff parking lot. Doors open to students at 7:30 and head to the gym or cafeteria for breakfast.
- Curriculum Night for Adults Only: Thursday, September 28th from 5:00-7:00.
- □ Transportation Information: HSD's transportation department has an online resource called <u>myBus</u> for parents/guardians to access routing and scheduling information starting the last week in August and to determine walk zones, and more. If you have questions, please call the transportation department at 503-844-1123.
- School Supplies: You can find the list of suggested <u>school supplies</u> on the HSD website.
- 23-24 Calendar: The district calendar for the 2023-2024 school year can be located under the "<u>Calendar</u>" tab on the HSD homepage.

Attendance: Every day matters in your child's education and our school community is not the same without them! To ensure that our students reach their full academic, social, and emotional potential, it is crucial that each child attends school regularly. A 95% attendance rate (missing less than 9 days during the year) is considered good attendance. Chronic absenteeism is missing more than 10% of the school year. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure good student attendance. We look forward to seeing your child every day and providing them with an environment which allows them to be their very best! We do; however, understand that at times students will be late or absent. In those cases, please be sure to call the Quatama attendance line at 503-844-1183. This ensures that we know where students are and prevents you from getting a phone call letting you know your child is absent.

We look forward to seeing you soon, coyotes!

Sincerely, Kathleen Coolman Quatama Principal

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