

Illahee Family Newsletter 9/9/24

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Hello, Illahee Families

We had a great start to the 2024-25 school year last week! Our new 6th graders had an exciting and welcoming orientation assembly on the first day of school led by our WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Student Leaders and most of them are well on their way to knowing their daily schedule and path to each class period. Our 7th and 8th graders have jumped back in well and are already showing that they are ready for the new school year!

Our fall sports teams started practicing last week and we still have room for more athletes to join Football and Cross-Country. If your child is interested in turning out, please give our Main Office a call so we can get your child athletic clearance to practice.

Open House is the next opportunity for us to connect. Open House has been set for Wednesday, September 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm here at our temporary school. During Open House families will have the opportunity to meet with teachers in their classrooms and learn more about the programs we have here at Illahee.

As always, please reach out to our Main Office with questions or support needed.

Proud to be a Royal,

Brianna Ward
Proud Principal
Illahee Middle School

Open House

Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm! Please join us anytime during this window of time to meet your child's teacher, walk through their classrooms, and learn about programs at Illahee. When you arrive, you will receive a map and a copy of your child's schedule, if needed. We look forward to seeing you!

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Area

Please review the student drop off/pick up area for students who are transported by car to and from school. Bus Transportation to and from our temporary location is provided for all students that live in our service area. Students on Choice enrollment must provide their own transportation.



Important information for parents that choose to drop off/pick up their child:

- Enter the parent/family loop area only. Follow the red arrows on the map above
- Follow the cones to join the pick up/drop off line
- Remain in your car. Scholars will exit/enter cars at the designated pick up/drop off location
- In the morning, students can exit cars & enter the building after 7:35 AM. School begins at 8:00 AM
- School is dismissed at 2:30 PM on regular school days and at 1:15 PM on Early Release Fridays

Emergency Preparedness Drills

Every month we practice one type of Emergency Preparedness drill to ensure that our students and staff are prepared for an emergency or natural disaster. **This month's Emergency Drill is a Fire Evacuation Drill.** The drill is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 and will briefly interrupt one class period. During a fire evacuation drill, students will practice evacuating the building, walking to an evacuation location on our campus, and then walking back into the building. Before the drill begins, students are told that the drill is about to take place so they know it is not a real emergency. The school building is not accessible during the drill and our phone lines will not be answered as all staff participate in the drill.

Save the Date - Picture Day!

School Picture Day is Wednesday, September 25. Please watch for more information still to come.

Student Cell Phone and Earbuds/Headphones

Personal Electronics/Technology (cell phone) use at Illahee

This year, in order to maintain a focus on learning, we want to remind families about our student expectations regarding personal electronics/technology while at school. We know that a large number of students have cell phones and other electronic devices however, cell phones and electronics cause distractions, interrupt classroom instruction, and can impact the safety of our students. **Students at Illahee are expected to keep cell phones put away at all times during the school day except during lunchtime.** Other types of electronic devices (earbuds, headphones, etc.) should be kept at home. Students who do not follow this expectation will be subject to school discipline.

Recommendations for families:

- Review this information with your student at home
- We urge families to communicate with students before (7:30) or after school (2:30).
- If families need to contact their student(s) while at school, call the main office at (253)-945-4600
- For non-emergencies such as transportation changes, our staff will deliver messages to students when it does not disrupt class time
- Students have access to school phones if they need to contact you
- Review this resource from the Washington's Office of Public Instruction:

<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2024-08/cell-phone-and-smart-device-use-schools.pdf>

Students are responsible for the devices that they bring to school and doing so is at their own risk. Staff are not responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events.

Friday Early Release Begins September 20

Starting Friday, September 20, students will be released from school at 1:15 PM so teachers can engage in professional learning and collaboration. For the first two Fridays of the school year, we will dismiss at our regular 2:30 PM time.

Royal Counseling Corner

Our Illahee Counselors are a great resource for students! Students can request to meet with their School Counselor by filling out a form in the Main Office or submitting a Google Form request. Counselors are available on demand for a student in crisis.

REQUEST TO SEE YOUR **COUNSELOR**

MS. BENTLEY - 6TH



MS. SMITH - 7TH



MR. VILLANUEVA - 8TH



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND
COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM TO
SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST!

Attendance Matters

There are 2 ways to report an absence (24 hours a day):

- ParentVue: Login and choose the "report absence" button for your child
- Call 253-945-4600: Be ready with your child's name, student ID, and reason for their absence. If no one answers, leave a voicemail with this information

Late Arrivals:

- If you know your scholar will arrive late, please call the office
- Scholars must sign in at the Main Office upon arrival after 8:00 AM

Early Release Procedures when picking up your child early:

- Call ahead or send a note to the office early in the day to let us know your child will be picked up early. This will help us have your child ready to go at the time you are arriving at school
- Scholars must be signed out at the Main Office by an approved adult listed in ParentVue. Please bring photo ID
- Please allow 5-10 minutes for your child to arrive in the office

Vacation or Extended Absences:

- A Pre-Arranged Absence Form needs to be filled out any time a scholar is planning to be absent for more than 3 days in a row
- Once the form is complete, turn it in to the Main Office
- Scholars are responsible for communicating with their teachers and for making up missed work and assessments



School success starts
with attendance

Important Dates

Tuesday, 9/10: Fire Evacuation Drill

Wednesday, 9/18: Open House, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Friday, 9/20: Early Release, students dismiss at 1:15 pm

Wednesday, 9/25: Picture Day