



August 2025

Dear Patterson Families,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year. My hope is that your family is enjoying summer break. We are fortunate to have strong community and family support at Patterson, and we are looking forward to partnering on our school-wide goals around math, writing and attendance. Here are some important events you do not want to miss as we return this fall:

- August 15th - School office opens (7:15-3:00 pm office hours)
- August 26th - Meet the Teacher/Supply Drop-Off (more information to come via Family Update email/website)
- August 27th - Family Connections Day
- September 1st - No school, Labor Day Holiday
- September 3rd - First Day of School for Grades 1-6
- September 4th – First Day of School for Kindergarteners

School Hours:

Our school hours are 7:35-2:05 M/T/R/F and 7:35-1:35 on Wednesdays.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:15
- Students who ride the bus may eat breakfast when dropped off or wait in the gym until the bell rings
- Students who do not eat breakfast should arrive **no earlier than 7:30 and wait to enter the building until the first bell at 7:35**

School Meals:

We are pleased to announce that Hillsboro School District is approved to offer meals at no cost for all students through June 2028 under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **All** students attending any of HSD's 36 school sites are eligible to receive a healthy complete breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay for meals or submit a meal application. You can view menus at <https://lingconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH> or [Hillsboro School District Menus](#).

Family Involvement Opportunities:

We hope that all of our community members can volunteer in our building during the 2025-26 school year. All volunteers need to be approved in advance through our school district. Fill out the volunteer application or update/renew/check the status of your current application by visiting <https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteering>.

School Attendance:

Every minute of every day matters in your child's education. Research suggests missing fewer than 9 days a year helps students succeed in school and later in life. Our goal is for every student to attend at least 90% of the school year. Missing school—whether excused or unexcused—means missing important learning and



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connections. Please help your child arrive on time daily, plan vacations around the [district calendar](#), and use the [Too Sick for School guidelines](#) when they're ill. If your child is absent, call **503-844-1385**. You'll receive an

automated call if we don't hear from you by 9:00 a.m. Please leave your child's name and reason for absence, including symptoms if they are ill.

Bus Routes:

Schedules and walk zone information are developed by the school district's Transportation department. They will send you directions on how to access this information online at the end of August. Please let us know of any childcare or address changes right away. You may call Transportation at 503-844-1123 if you have specific questions.

Going home plans:

You will receive a paper copy to complete at the beginning of the school year to confirm your child's plan for getting from school to their after school destination. Once returned to our office, this document will serve as the daily plan for your child. **If day-of changes need to be made, please call the office during the school day to inform us of the change.**

ParentVUE:

The email addresses and phone numbers in our student information system are what we use to send families important news and updates, information about your child's attendance, and safety and emergency communications. Please verify your information by logging into [ParentVUE](#).

Sincerely,

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