



August 2025

Dear Quatama Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Quatama. We are so excited to see students! We are a Right Brain Initiative School and a Green STEAM school working on getting our latest STEAM certification through Portland Metro STEM Partnership. Please stay up to date about school happenings by checking your e-mail and downloading the ParentVue app on your phone.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- Thu. August 7 - Our PTO, the Coyote Community Club or CCC, hosts a playground meet-up from 5:30-7:30pm. The building is closed for this event but join us on the playground.
- Fri. August 15 - School office opens, 8:00am-3:30pm.
- Wed. August 27 - Family Connections and Transitions Day of Welcome & Outreach - We call you!
- Thu. August 28 - Back to School Ice Cream Social and Supply Drop-Off, 3:30-5:30. Meet your teachers, drop off school supplies and have some ice cream with the CCC.
- Mon. September 1 - Labor Day Holiday
- Wed. September 3 - First Day of school for grades 1-6, 7 and 9
- Thu. September 4 - All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners, and grades 8, 10-12

School Hours:

Our school hours are 7:30am-2:20pm M/Tu/Th/F and 7:30am-1:50pm on Wednesdays.

- Students can enter the building at 7:30am.
- Breakfast is served at 7:30am.
- All students wait in the gym until the 7:50 dismissal bell and then walk to class.
- At 8:00am the tardy bell rings and instruction begins. If you arrive at 8:00 or later, you must stop by the office for a tardy slip.

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](https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/quatama).

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 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 **503-844-1188**. 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](#). Consider downloading the ParentVue app on your phone.



Thank you,

Kathleen Coolman (she, her, ella)

Principal

Quatama Elementary School

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