HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 2026

Dear North Plains community,

Welcome back! I am excited to begin this school year and continue building a strong partnership with our students, families, and North Plains Elementary community. As I begin my first year as principal, I feel incredibly fortunate to join such a welcoming community and look forward to building meaningful relationships with students, staff, and families. I am also excited to welcome new students and families and create a school experience where every child feels known, valued, and supported.

We have many events during the school year that welcome volunteers! If you are interested in helping, check out *https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteering*. We would rather your application be cleared before a need or interest arises during the school year. You can apply any time!

Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 14 - School office opens, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- August 19 - Kindergarten Assessment
- August 20 - Kindergarten Assessment
- August 26 - Family Connections and Transitions (School to Home Outreach- we call you!)
- August 27 - Meet your Teacher & Supply Drop Off anytime between 3:30 - 5:30 pm
- September 1 - First Day of school for grades 1 - 6, 7 and 9 *(be at school between 7:25 - 7:40 am)*
- September 2 - All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners, and grades 8, 10-12 *(be at school between 7:25 - 7:40 am)*
- September 7 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

School Hours: Our school hours are 7:45 am - 2:05 pm M/Tu/Th/F and 7:45 am - 1:35 pm on Wednesdays.

- School doors open and breakfast service begins at 7:25 am (7:15 am only for those arriving on bus). Please ensure your child does not arrive prior to 7:25 am, as it is a safety concern for lack of adult supervision prior to then.
- Students who eat breakfast at school will enter the building and go to the cafeteria.
- Students who do not eat breakfast at school will enter the gym and wait with their class until the first bell.
- Students should arrive no later than 7:40 am. Learning begins right at 7:45 am and any time after is considered tardy.
- 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 ***503-844-1633.*** You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you by 9:00 am. Please leave your child's name and reason for absence, including symptoms if they are ill.

School Supplies: We have decreased the amount of supplies per grade level from our district-wide list. To focus on what our teachers indicate as the most needed supplies, please review: https://shorturl.at/WdZ6b. If you need assistance with school supplies, please let your teacher know during the outreach calls on August 26th.

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

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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://linqconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH or Hillsboro School District Menus.

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 before 1:00 pm to inform us of the change.

Pick-up/Drop-off during Arrival and Dismissal: In order to keep all of our students, staff, and community members safe, as well as be efficient with time, please follow our traffic, parking, and arrival/dismissal guidelines below.

- The parking lot directly in front of the main school entrance is for staff and buses only.
- The westside parking lot (closest to the gym) is for visitors and pick-up/drop-off. We have a pick-up/drop-off line that runs along the curb for students who can independently get in and out of cars during arrival and dismissal. Please do not drive from one parking lot to another unless entering/exiting from North Road.
- If you utilize the pick-up/drop-off line, do not leave your car and please pull all the way forward to the stop sign when able or directed to by a staff member.
- If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park in the lot next to the gym and use a crosswalk.

Communication:

- **ParentVue:** The e-mail 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 check your information by logging into ParentVue at https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/for-families/parentsguardians/parentvuestudentvue. If you don't have an account set up and need a code, please contact the main office at (503) 844-1360.
- **ParentSquare** (replace previously used app Remind): This app is the main method for quick, reciprocal communication between home and school.
- **Community Newsletter:** We send out a weekly digital newsletter to all families every Friday throughout the entire school year. The link will be shared via email and ParentSquare.

Helpful Links: Please bookmark our school website at https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/northplains. In addition, please follow our PTO on Facebook and via their website at https://www.northplainspto.org/.

In partnership,

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