HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

W. L. HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 2026

Dear W.L. Henry Families,

Hello, I hope your summer has provided you with some quality family time. I love spending extra time with my family and look forward to the 2026 - 2027 school year to spend another year with you all, my Wildcat Family! We are excited to see you on Thursday, August 27th anytime between 4:30 - 6:00pm, to come and meet your student/s teacher, enjoy some ice cream and visit with other Wildcat families. Spending a little time with us on this day helps your student/s connect with friends and Henry educators. This brief visit supports students to feel at ease moving into the new school year and gives you an opportunity to interact with your student/s' teacher, our staff, including me, so any questions you have may be answered before we begin this new school year. We cannot wait to see our returning families and welcome everyone! If you are new to us, you are now part of a beautiful, caring, multilingual community. For all of our families, we value you and your student/s and work hard to support the social, emotional and academic growth in English and Spanish of each and every child. We look forward to working together to provide the best educational experience for our wonderful Wildcats. Our educators are caring, supportive, have high expectations and are devoted to providing a safe, welcoming classroom community for your child. I am honored to lead and serve this incredible dual language community for the 11th year! I have had the privilege of meeting and getting to know so many of you and I am grateful for your continued input and support. Thank you, I love our Wildcat Family and am excited to begin the 2026 - 2027 school year!

Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 14th - School office opens, 7:30am - 3:30pm
- August 26th - Family Connections and Transitions (Welcome Outreach - we call you!)
- August 27th - Meet the Teacher/Ice Cream Social 4:30 - 6:00pm
  We will have a backpack for any student who would like one. We are fortunate to have school supplies donated to us so ***we only ask that you purchase a water bottle and headphones your student will use with their chromebook. You do not need to purchase any other school supplies.*** *If you would like to* ***send a snack*** *to school with your student, that is helpful for them, and* ***if you would like to donate a snack for the class*** *(granola bars, crackers, no candy or chips please) we would appreciate that. If not, we provide a granola bar for students who do not bring a snack from home.*
- September 7th - Labor Day Holiday
- September 1st - First Day of school for grades 1-6, 7 and 9
- September 2nd - All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners, and grades 8, 10-12

School Hours:
Our school hours are 8:00am - 2:20pm M/Tu/Th/F and 8:00am - 1:50pm on Wednesdays.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:35am

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- Students who ride the bus may eat breakfast when dropped off or wait in the cafeteria until the bell rings
- Students who do not eat breakfast should arrive **no earlier than** 7:55am.
- Please do not leave children unattended before the above times. Let us know if you have a special circumstance and we will try our best to accommodate your needs.

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://linqconnect.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 2026-27 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:
Please do everything you can to help your student attend school consistently and on time. *It is hard for children when they miss Morning Meeting and literacy or math instruction.* 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 ***503-844-1693***. You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you at 9:30am . Please leave your child's name and reason for absence, including symptoms if they are ill.

Bus Routes:
W.L. Henry is a walking zone school (students live within 1 mile of school). Bus transportation is not provided except under very special circumstances. There is an after school bus for students enrolled in Boys & Girls Club. 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,

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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.

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up:
Please be respectful and safe when dropping off and picking up your student. Students are to be dropped off by the curb only. **You may wait at the curb to pick your child up but you may not leave your car or park in the fire lane at any time (if a curb is red that is a no parking zone)**. People have received tickets from the Fire Marshall, we do not want you to receive a ticket and we need to keep our fire lanes open in case of an emergency. Please do not double park. We have had situations where a parent could not leave their parking space due to another parent parking their vehicle in front of them. Please help us keep our students, staff and parents/caregivers safe by driving slowly and carefully and by using the crosswalk at all times.

Thank you for helping us by being wonderful role models for your child/children and engaging in their learning. We are working hard to prepare for an excellent 2026 - 2027 school year. We can't wait to see you all and meet our new students and families. Have a wonderful rest of your summer. See you soon!

Respectfully,

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