



August 2026

Dear Imlay Families,

It is a true privilege to introduce myself as the new principal of Imlay Elementary. I am incredibly excited to join this wonderful community and begin building relationships with each of you. Throughout the summer, I have been listening, learning, and hearing story after story about what makes Imlay such a special place. People consistently speak about the talented and compassionate teachers, the incredible students, and the families whose partnership creates a strong foundation for learning. Those conversations have made me even more excited about the year ahead, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you to support every child. Looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 12th-Popsicles with the principal
 - Meet Principal Cerda and enjoy a cold treat on the playground! 1 pm-3 pm
- August 14th- School office opens (8 am-3 pm)
- August 26th - Family Connections
 - Welcome Outreach- we call you! This is when you'll learn who your new teacher is!
- September 7- Labor Day Holiday
 - No school
- September 1- First Day of school for grades 1-6, 7 and 9
 - Supply drop off will be on the first day of school. Please feel free to bring supplies over a couple of days to not overload backpacks.
- September 2- All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners, and grades 8, 10-12
- September 10th-Back to School Night,
 - Come meet your child's teacher and learn what to expect this school year. We can't wait to welcome you!

School Hours:

Our school hours are **8:15 AM-2:35 PM M/Tu/Th/F** and **8:15 AM-2:05 PM** on Wednesdays.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at **7:45 AM**
- Students who ride the bus may eat breakfast when dropped off or wait in the front or blacktop until the bell rings
- Students who do not eat breakfast should arrive **no earlier than 8:05 AM.**

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 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 **503-844-1093**. You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you **by 10:00 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](#).

Thank you and go Eagles!

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