HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEST UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 2026

Dear West Union Families,

As we begin a new school year, I am excited to continue our work together to strengthen student learning in reading, writing, and math. Our staff is ready to support, encourage, and inspire students to be their very best—both as learners and as the unique individuals they are.

At West Union, we are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every student feels seen, valued, and empowered to grow. We are excited to welcome everyone back with a warm Wolverine welcome and look forward to an amazing year together.

We strive to inspire our school community to be courageous, connected, and caring in all that we do.

We are excited for the year ahead and grateful to partner with you in supporting our students' success.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 12 - School office opens, 7:15-3:15 PM
- August 27 - Supply Drop-off, 2:00-3:00 PM
- August 26 - Family Connections and Transitions (Welcome Outreach- we call you!)
- September 7- Labor Day Holiday
- September 1- First Day of school for grades 1-6, 7 and 9
- September 2- All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners, and grades 8, 10-12

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.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:15 AM
- 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** 7:15 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://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:
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 ***503-844-1620***. You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you before **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.

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