



Welcome Back!

Please take a moment to read through these important reminders and information for the new school year. Please familiarize yourself with all procedures. Feel free to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with your student and family. It is going to be a wonderful school year!

Car Riders:

- Students may enter the building at 7:30 in the mornings. The car rider line will begin promptly at 7:30.
- The car rider line will start at 2:45 in the afternoons. Please arrive no earlier than 2:30 to get in line.

Bus Riders:

- Be waiting and ready for the bus a few minutes early. It will take a couple of weeks to get all students at a consistent time. There will be students added to the bus list as they enroll.
- Students will board buses at 2:45 in the afternoons.

Masks:

- Masks are required by everyone in the school building at this time. The School Board will revisit the use of masks monthly.
- Students must wear a mask when they ride a school bus.
- At this time students do not have to wear a mask while playing on the playground or while exerting lots of energy in physical education class.

Sanitizing and Safety Precautions:

- We continue to follow the same precautions as last year.
- We frequently disinfect surfaces and equipment.
- We practice frequent hand washing and limit close contact.

Contact Information:

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Phone Number and Address:

- Please make sure we have a correct "home" address and "home" phone number for your student(s).
- Parentlink phone calls go out to the phone number listed as the home phone.
- If you need the calls to go to multiple households, let us know so we can add those numbers to the system

Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks:

- Breakfast, lunch, and a fresh fruit and/or vegetable snack will be served daily for students at no cost to families.
- The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable snack will not start until September.
- You may send a healthy snack for your student each day.
- You may send a water bottle with your child to school each day.
- We will not be accepting outside food items while we are still in the pandemic this year. Please do not send cupcakes or pre-packaged items at this time.

Attendance:

- Students need to be at school on time each day. The tardy bell rings at 7:50.
- If your child is tardy, you must park your car and walk your student to the door to check them in. Do not let your child out and drive away. We must ask you for important information.
- The end of the school day is 2:45.
- We may accept up to six parent letters to excuse absences for students for sickness or other emergencies.
- After six parent letters, we must have a doctor's note to excuse an absence.
- The school will send out a letter to parents when a student has accumulated 3, 6, or 10 unexcused absences.
- Truancy may become involved once a student has reached six unexcused absences.