

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

**Hello Washington Tigers!**

We are very excited to welcome ALL of our students back to school in-person! We are committed to the well-being of our students, staff, and community. Our staff will continue to work diligently to keep everyone safe. We will take necessary precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and clean off high-contact areas. All staff, parents, guardians, and students are expected to follow required health guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and support as our staff works hard to provide a safe and healthy environment for an equitable, rigorous, and relevant learning experience for all.

**The first day of school** is Monday, August 9. Our **bell schedule** is below and it is attached to this message. **Class lists** will be posted in the hallway at the front of the school on Friday, August 6 after **5:00 PM**. **Any student without data confirmation completed will not appear on a class list.** **Please make sure to complete the online data confirmation as soon as possible. If you are new to our school or a new TK or Kinder, you will need to provide proof of residency. If you need help, call the school at 559-674-6705.**

Please carefully read the information below regarding health guidelines, schedules, class lists, the first days of school, and our events for the month of August.

## **ARRIVAL / MORNING DROP-OFF**

- School gates and classrooms will open at 7:45 AM.
- Adult supervision for students starts at 7:45 AM, therefore students should NOT arrive earlier than 7:45 AM.
- Due to limited availability of staff and parking, we will NOT have a vehicle drop-off zone on South St.
- **Parents/guardians may walk students to class on the first day of school only (Monday, Aug. 9).**
- **Starting on Tuesday, August 10, parents/guardians may only walk their children up to the front or back gate and may not enter the school.**

## **BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM**

- All students will be provided with breakfast when they arrive to their class at 7:45 AM.
- It is VERY important for students to arrive to school on time by 7:45 AM so they have time to eat. Instruction begins at 8:00 AM.

## **DISMISSAL / AFTERNOON PICK-UP**

- Students will be released at 2:45 PM, every day, Monday - Friday.
- There are three (3) 1:10 PM early release Thursdays in August only: August 12, 19, and 26.
- Due to limited availability of staff and parking, we will NOT have a vehicle pick-up zone on South St.
- Front and back gates will be opened for parents/guardians at 2:43 PM (1:08 PM on early release Thursdays).
- Parents/guardians may walk onto campus to pick-up their child at dismissal.

**HEALTH GUIDELINES** (changes/new information will be communicated right away)

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- All students will be required to have a completed digital **Daily Health Screener** in **ParentSquare (every day)**, regardless of vaccination status, to receive a green badge to be cleared to report to school.
- All students and staff are required to wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
  - MUSD will provide face coverings to students and staff that inadvertently fail to bring one.
  - Masks are optional outdoors.
- Visitors are to come to the office **only when** business and or concerns cannot be conducted over the phone or by email.
- Masks are required for all visitors who enter the office or any room/building.
- Parent volunteers will not be allowed on campus until further notice.
- Students displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are to stay home. Criteria for returning to school in-person will be shared in another post and will be sent home with students on the first day of school. Covid-19 symptoms include:
  - Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Sore throat
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Fatigue

## AUGUST CALENDAR

### Monday, 8/9

- First Day of School, arrive by 7:45 AM

### Thursday, 8/12

- Early Release, 1:10 PM

### Thursday, 8/19

- Early Release, 1:10 PM

### Thursday, 8/26

- Early Release, 1:10 PM
- Back to School Night, 5:30-7:00 PM
  - Location to be determined (in-person or virtual/zoom)