



HAMILTON ELEMENTARY

August 2020 NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bryan, Principal



The start of the 2020/2021 school year will be unlike anything we have ever experienced before. During these times we will need everyone to be patient and flexible as things seem to change daily as it pertains to procedures and expectations. We look forward to working with our students and families again this year whether it be through face to face instruction or remote learning. We will do our best to provide a positive experience for everyone involved. I have the utmost confidence in our staff, students, and parents that WE will get through this. Below are just a few things to think about as we near our August 20th start date:

To those families requesting remote learning: this will be an evolving process the first few weeks of school. Please be patient as we try to put out a system that works well for our staff and families at home.

We will not be bringing backpacks to school this year. Without the use of lockers, this is an additional item that takes up space in the classroom. Anything that needs to be brought to school, please put in a disposable bag that can be thrown away upon arrival. The exceptions to this would be lunch boxes and water bottles. Those can go back and forth daily between home and school.

In May, I requested students have an additional pair of tennis shoes at school for PE. We will not be using our gym for Physical Education to start the year out, so an extra pair of tennis shoes will not be needed.

The Hamilton 328 Teachers Union will be providing a water bottle for every student. Water fountains will not be accessible, so we advise every student bring a water bottle to school every day with their name on it.

Visitors will not be allowed in the building without administrative approval. So anytime a parent needs to pick their student up early or drop something off, you will be required to wait in the bus lane out in front of the school, call the front office, and someone will come out and assist you. I know this will be inconvenient at times, but your cooperation with this is essential and greatly appreciated.

Drop off procedures in the morning will be incredibly busy this year as we have to temperature check and symptom screen all students before entering the building. We will use our lane out in front of the school for this. The lot to the east of the school will be for our bus drop off. More information to come in the upcoming days.

Pick up after school will look different as well. We will have set times for each grade to come through the lane in front of the school to pick up their children. We will probably start this around 2:00. Families with multiple children of course, will pick up all of their children at once. We will give you more specifics as we get closer to August 20th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, Aug. 6th

Pre-K Screening at the
Community Center
10:00-6:00

Friday, Aug. 7th

Pre-K Screening at the
Community Center
8:00-4:00

Thursday, Aug. 20th

First day of student
attendance for 2020-
2021 school year

As a reminder, the five major safety precautions put out by ISBE and IDPH are posted on our website under "Recent Notifications".

Mask Up!

All students must have a mask on before entering a school bus or school building. Masks can be from home. We will have disposable masks on hand for any student who does not have one. Thank you for your cooperation as we try to provide a safe learning environment.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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