



Hillside Elementary School

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Dear Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to the building for our **Hillside Student Orientation** next week. Orientations will be held each day (September 14-18) from 10-11:30 AM. Students will attend only **one day** of orientation. During these orientations, teachers will review protocols, tour the classroom, and build community. Our Gold group of students will be divided into two groups and attend on Monday, September 14th OR Tuesday, September 15th. Our Green group of students will also be divided into two groups and attend on Thursday, September 17th OR Friday, September 18th. Your classroom teachers will be sending families a sign up for you to select a day for your child(ren) to attend. All remote only students will participate in a remote orientation on Wednesday, September 16th. Teachers will reach out to remote only families to schedule these orientations.

***The week of September 14th is only a STUDENT orientation week. These orientations are not for parents. Parents will receive all information at our Back to School Night scheduled on Thursday, September 17th.**

****Students will continue remote learning during the week of September 14th with a slightly altered schedule that will be communicated by the classroom teachers. Students will not begin the hybrid model until September 21st.**

Health Screener

All students who are entering the building MUST have a COVID-19 health screener completed each day. Directions from the District will follow for completing the required daily health screener.

Orientation Arrival

No transportation will be provided for our Orientation week. Instead, parents/guardians are encouraged to walk or drive their child(ren) to school using one of two drop off methods:

1) Circle Drop Off begins at 9:50 AM

a) *Drop children in our front circle by car. Drivers will pull all the way around the circle and children exit the car on the passenger side. Adults should not get out of the car in order to move the traffic through quickly. All cars must have a sign placed on the passenger side window with the child's(children's) name, grade(s) and teacher(s). Staff members will be on hand to escort children to their proper entrance. Please note: There is absolutely no passing in the circle to ensure the safety of our children. Cars will exit the circle in the order in which they entered.*

2) Student Drop off begins at 9:55 AM

- a) *Drop children to their [entry door](#) on foot. Adults will escort their child(ren) to the [assigned entrance door](#) where children will be escorted to their classrooms. Please see our [classroom location map](#). Please note that no parents/guardians will be permitted to enter the building due to COVID safety precautions. All parents/guardians must wear a mask on school premises and follow social distancing measures. Parents/Guardians MAY NOT congregate on school property while students are in orientations due to COVID safety.*

Orientation Dismissal

Please communicate how your child will be dismissed from the orientation to your classroom teacher.

- 1) Kindergarten Student Pick Up will occur at 11:25 AM**
 - a) Kindergarten parents will pick up their child(ren) at the assigned kindergarten exit.
- 2) Independent Walkers will be dismissed at 11:25 AM.**
 - a) For 3rd and 4th grade students to be permitted to walk independently, the [Independent Walker Permission Form](#) must be completed and submitted to the classroom teacher.
NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED OFF PREMISES INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION. We do not recommend dismissing students in K-2 independently.
- 3) Grades 1-4 Student Pick Up will begin at 11:30 AM**
 - a) Students in Grades 1-4 will need to be signed out using the [Student Pick Up Google Form](#). Students will be called in the order in which pick up was entered on the Google Form.
 - b) Parents/Guardians of students in grades 1-4 will pick up their child(ren) on the front field according to our [Dismissal Plan](#).
 - c) Parents/Guardians should remain behind the cones and stay socially distanced while wearing a mask.
- 4) Circle Pick Up will begin at 11:35 AM**
 - a) Parents/Guardians will pick up by car. Drivers will pull all the way around the circle and wait for children to enter the car on the passenger side. *Adults should not get out of the car in order to move the traffic through quickly. All cars must have a sign placed on the passenger side window with the child's(children's) name, grade(s) and teacher(s) to assist in our dismissal process. Please note: There is absolutely no passing in the circle to ensure the safety of our children. Cars will exit the circle in the order in which they entered.*

In order to prepare your child for their Hillside Orientation, our Physical Education staff has joined us in creating videos to help orient your child. Please [click here](#) to learn about some new Hillside protocols!

We are excited to see our children back at Hillside and know that these days ahead will be filled with the sounds of joyful learning!

Please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher with any questions.

Warmly,

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