First Day of School Helpful Tidbits!

Pre First Day Steps

- Make sure to update Power School information. This will be very important for student pick-ups and parent contacts.
- Label your child's school supplies, coats, etc. with his/her first and last name, teacher's name, grade-level, and bus number.
- Complete the luggage tags for students in PreK and K prior to the first day and attach it to your child's bookbag.
- Plan to attend Open House on August 10th.



Open House

- Monday, August 10th 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- Parking is available on the bus landing and the MS parking lot. Please avoid parking in front of the school to allow adequate time for the asphalt to settle.
- Parents may enter the building through the old main entrance and entrances along the bus landing.
- Building maps and student schedules will be available in the cafeteria.
- During your visit, make sure you and your child's teacher are on the same page about how he/she is getting home, your educational goals for your child, and your preferred method of contact. Be sure to provide updated contact information in Power School.
- Community organizations will be present during Open House. Please stop by the tables during your visit to see how these organizations support our students.

First Day Morning

- There are new traffic lanes for entering our school grounds. The parent drop-off lane will be to the far right. Through traffic must use the left lane.
- For everyone's safety, parents are asked to remain in their vehicle and allow staff to open the door for students on the right side and near the sidewalk. Getting out of your vehicle can create a safety risk and delay traffic movement.
- Parents are asked to avoid being present on the bus landing when students are unloading and/or loading the school buses. It is a high traffic area and for safety, only school staff should be there.
- Parents are encouraged to take "First Day" photos during open house. We will have photo backdrops around the school. Feel free to take as many pictures as you like. I am positive teachers and staff will pose with our Itty-Bitty Eagles, if asked.

Parent Pick Up

THANK YOU to every parent for helping us reduce our chronic absenteeism rate last year. Early dismissals should be for emergencies only. It is very important to have our Itty-Bitty Eagles in school all day. Help us by providing the time we need to teach and engage our students.

Dismissal

- Dismissal will look slightly different for parents this year.
- Parents will remain in their vehicles and a staff member with an IPAD will come to you.
- Parents who have students with last names beginning with A-M are asked to start lining up at 3:00 p.m. in the parent drop-off loop.
- Parents who have students with last names beginning with N-Z are asked to start lining up at 3:15p.m. in the parent drop-off loop.
- Students will be released starting at 3:10 p.m.
- Always have a valid form of ID on hand in the event it is needed.

As with any new process, there are bound to be a few hic-ups. Please be patient with us as we work through them. I promise, it will get better.

We are expecting to roll out a QR code system for dismissal in September that should make the process run a little more efficiently. So stay tuned.

Looking forward to our work together in the new year!

Principal Vance