



HAMILTON ELEMENTARY
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NEWSLETTER
 Mr. Bryan, Principal



Welcome Back!

The staff at Hamilton Elementary is excited to start the 2017-2018 school year. All students will report to the gymnasium on Monday, August 21st. We will dismiss everyone to their classrooms after our morning announcements. On this day as well, a solar eclipse will cut across the entire United States. As a school, we will go outside to view this rare opportunity. The best viewing time in our area will be between 1:00-1:30. The district will provide each student with proper eyewear to safely observe the eclipse, as each teacher will take their class out for a brief period of time. To avoid students staring at the sun during a somewhat unstructured time such as recess, we will stay inside for the first day of school for this purpose. So the only time our students will be outside on this day will be under the supervision of their classroom teacher wearing proper eyewear. Any questions or concerns about this day, please do not hesitate in calling Mr. Bryan at the Elementary School.

Student safety and academic achievement are two of our top priorities at Hamilton Elementary. Right now, we need assistance from everyone in the area of student safety with regards to student pick-up/drop-off. It is essential that all students are patiently picked up after school in our parking lot. Please refrain from parking on Broadway Street. We need to minimize any exposure to two-way traffic. We also need to drop-off our students in our parking lot in the morning as well. **The lane in front of the school is for buses only from 7:30-8:30 in the morning and 2:45-3:15 in the afternoon.** This may cause a little inconvenience for everyone in the morning and afternoon, but I would much rather deal with that than an accident involving one of our students. **Our after school pick up procedures will be the same as last year.**

Announcements will begin at 8:00am in the gymnasium. A bell will ring at 8:00, signifying the start of our day. Following announcements in the gym, students will be dismissed to their classrooms. Any student arriving after their class is in the classroom without a valid excuse will be considered tardy. Please help us to ensure all students are here before 8:00am as tardy students cause a disruption in the classroom, impacting the learning environment. Time schedule for the school day is on pages 12-13 of the student handbook.

A few other bits of information:

- **All visitors** must check in the office, sign in, and put on a visitor's badge before going anywhere in the building. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.
- Anyone wanting to join our Elementary PTO needs to contact Stephanie Munson at smunson89@gmail.com.
- For all students who participated in our summer reading challenge, those reading logs need to be turned in by August 23rd. We will have our cook-out on Friday, September 1st.
- Any change in a student's transportation plans for the day needs to be done **before 1:30pm** (the earlier the better).
- Just a reminder: For safety reasons, students are to wear tennis shoes to school. Flip-flops, sandals, or any other open-toed shoes are not allowed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, August 16th

Pre-K Open House 5:00-6:00

Thursday, August 17th

Kindergarten Open House 5:00-6:00

Monday, August 21st

First Day of School – Full Day of Attendance

Wednesday, August 23rd

Open House 5:00-6:00

Friday, August 25th

Wear something to support the Titans

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day – No School

FAMILY LIBRARY NIGHT

Every Monday night that school is in session, Mrs. Tucker will have the library open from 6:30-7:30. This will begin August 29th.

ATHLETICS

Any 5th-6th grade boy or girl wanting to participate in basketball or track needs to have a physical and insurance waiver turned into the office before being able to participate. (6th graders can use their school physical to meet this requirement)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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