

**AUGUST 25, 2021**

# Hopewell newsletter



Hello Hopewell Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine! With school “just around the corner” I want to share some important reminders and information.

**New student orientation** is tomorrow. Kindergarten families, families who are new to the district, and any Kindergarten students who were virtual last year were invited to participate. Thank you for filling out the Google Form to let us know so we can plan accordingly. If you are a new family and did not receive the orientation information, please let me know and we will send it/set up a time for you to come in.

New 1st grade: 1:00-1:30

AM Kindergarten: 1:30-2:15

PM Kindergarten: 2:00-2:45

New 2nd & 3rd grade: 3:00-3:30

Small group tours will be given, students will get to see their classrooms, and Kindergarten will have an opportunity to take a quick bus ride. “Information Stations” will be set up in the Gym (PTA, Pick up patrol, Sapphire/Blackboard, technology pick up, Seesaw, etc.).

As per our district Health & Safety plan, **all students, staff, and families will be required to wear masks** indoors. We will have extra masks if you forget!

We appreciate parents understanding that orientation is for new students and families. Our staff is ready to welcome returning students back on **August 30th!**

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## **Parent Drop Off/Pick Up:**

All grades will be dropped off and picked up at the **main entrance**.

**AM drop off** is from **8:40-8:55 am**

**PM pick up** is at **3:20 pm**

We appreciate your patience as there may be a large number of students dropped off/picked up.

Staff will be on duty to assist students into the building. Always enter and exit from the Bowood St. entrance. Once on school grounds turn left at the stop sign and proceed to the front of the school. Do not enter or exit the Bus Lane entrance. PM kindergarten children should arrive no earlier than **12:50 p.m.**

An email was sent on 8/24 at 9:00 am about our new parent pick up system. Thank you to those who have signed up for the **Pick Up Patrol (PUP) system**. If you have not done so please check your email for the directions and secure link.

One important note: **Students will NOT be allowed to take home different buses this year.** The system may allow you to switch buses, but that will not be honored. The bus company is not connected to the system. This system is for getting Hopewell students picked up safely and efficiently. If your child needs an alternate way home they will need to be a parent pick up.

## **What will school look like this year?**

Keeping our schools open every day will continue to require a comprehensive community effort. We plan to open the school in as typical of fashion as possible, while remaining safe. We all want to do what is best for kids. We love our kids and look forward to seeing them every day.

**Classrooms** are designed to ensure distancing. This does not mean group work, carpet time, or other collaborative activities will not happen. We intend to provide quality classroom experiences.

**Drop off and pick up** will be at the typical times as pre-COVID (8:40-8:55 am) and (3:20 pm). Students will enter and exit through the main office doors.



**Lunches** will all be in the cafeteria. At this time, we will not be utilizing the gym for lunch. Each student has their own lunch area (desk and chair to start the year) and will sit next to their classmates. When students finish eating, they will have the opportunity to go outside for additional outdoor time.

**Recess** will be 30 minutes daily. Students will have the option to take their masks off outdoors.

Students will have plenty of opportunities to **wash their hands and sanitize** during the school day. You are welcome to send in extra masks, tissues, water bottles, or personal hand sanitizer for your child.

**Open House** is Tuesday, September 7th from 6:30-7:30pm. A separate communication will be sent out closer to the date.

Please read over our [Hopewell Quick Reference Guide](#) for more information about our **amazing** school.

I understand that it can be both an exciting and challenging time of the year, but if you have any questions or need anything, please reach out.

See you soon!

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