

Hickory Elementary School
“An Adventure in Learning~ A Place in the Sun for Everyone”
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten Students,

On behalf of all of the staff members and myself, I want to welcome you and your child to Hickory Elementary School. It is our goal to provide a positive and nurturing educational experience for each child at Hickory. We will do our part to provide your child with opportunities on which to build a strong foundation for their educational success. We believe that your child’s education is a partnership between home and school, and we look forward to working with you. **A meeting for all kindergarten parents and parents new to our school will be held on Friday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria.** Information concerning the school program and volunteer opportunities will be presented at that time.

We know how excited you must be to start school. We have a very strong kindergarten team of teachers with many years of experience. The kindergarten teachers work collaboratively to assure that each child has similar experiences throughout the year utilizing a comprehensive curriculum designed by the district. We will post the class assignments on Tuesday, September 7 after 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8 is the first day of school. Please provide a lunch for your child in a labeled lunch box/sack. The schedule for **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. Bring your child to his/her assigned classroom. Meet his/her Teacher and say good-bye. (Please, no siblings)
- 12:30 p.m. Pick up your child from the classroom/kdg. gate

On Monday, September 13, kindergarteners will begin their regular school day schedule. The bell rings at 8:59 a.m. to start the school day and dismissal is at 1:59 p.m. Kindergarteners may use the school Valet System in the morning. Parents should pull up in front of the school and upper grade students will assist the children out of the car and to the kinder playground. **Kindergarten students should not be dropped off at school before 8:45. The kinder playground does not have supervision until 8:45.** The teachers will begin supervising the playground at 8:45 and the bell to begin school will ring at 8:59 a.m. *Parents are not allowed on the kinder playground during this time.* Please plan on picking up your child at the kinder gate at 1:59 p.m. as there is no Valet

System in the afternoon. There is NO parking, waiting, picking up or dropping off in the Staff Parking Lot! Please cooperate with this school policy. When parking in the neighborhood, be respectful of our neighbors and do not block driveways or move their trash containers. We want to be good neighbors and set good examples for our children. Always use the crosswalks when crossing the street and do not walk between cars.

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST AND ALWAYS !

You must continue to send a lunch with a drink for your child through Monday, October 5, 2009. Kinders will not be purchasing lunch from the cafeteria before that day. They will be learning many new routines and getting used to socializing while eating together without the added stress of going through the cafeteria lunch line. An October lunch menu will be posted on the school web site with the items to be offered daily. You are welcome to continue to send a lunch for your child, or you may choose to purchase a school lunch beginning the week of October 5. The cafeteria uses a debit card system for purchasing lunches. You will need to deposit money ahead of time into your child's account should you choose to purchase lunches. We will talk more about this on **September 17**.

It is always a good idea to put your child's name on all clothing articles (sweaters, jackets, backpacks, lunch boxes). We do have a lost and found near Room 31, but it is much easier to return or reclaim a lost item if there is a name on it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me. The school web site, www.hickoryelementary.com, is a great resource for information. The on-line communicator is our primary means of communicating with parents; it is efficient and timely and cuts down on the non-urgent phone calls to the school office. Make sure you sign-up for our **On-line Communicator** and receive up to date information and notices about our school. Once again, welcome to Hickory!

Sincerely,

Edna Schumacher, Principal

