

8/6/20

Dear Hopkins Community,

My excitement and joy gets stronger each day as we get closer to our first day of school. Our teachers are starting this week and have so much to do to prepare for us all to be together safely. I want to thank you all in advance for your support, flexibility, patience, and partnership as we navigate our “new normal”. Our partnership with families is going to be crucial in order to ensure we are able to start our year safely and in our building. We are so excited to hear the laughter of our students in our hallways and classrooms!!

As you have read in communications from our school district, data is the determining factor for us to return to the school building. It is so important that we all do our part by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing in the weeks before school starts. Once school starts, I am going to ask for your partnership and cooperation to ensure that we do not expose students or staff to anyone that is sick. It is going to be essential that we keep students home who are showing symptoms. Please self screen before sending your child to school. This will help limit the exposure at school. We will be screening at school as well.

We are implementing some new routines and procedures to ensure the health and safety of all of our students. Please remember that parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter the building.

Please click on the following documents to learn about these new routines and procedures:

- [Arrival/Dismissal](#)
- [Lunchroom Procedures](#)

If you need to **pick up your student early** from school, you will need to ring our doorbell and show your ID in the camera. The office staff will call your student from class while you will wait outside. We will not be able to call up students until you arrive at school.

If you need to **drop off any forgotten items**, please ring the doorbell and tell us the name of your child and what items you are dropping off. You will then leave your item on the table outside and our office staff will retrieve those items and deliver them to your student.

Please remember that all students need to be wearing a **mask** everyday. Please put your child's name on your mask and if possible put an extra mask in your student's backpack. All students will be receiving a breakaway lanyard to hold their masks on at school. These lanyards will be staying at school.

Students in grades 2-5 will be bringing home their **Chrombooks** daily. Please be sure the Chromebooks are charged each night and brought to school every day.

In order to help ensure we have accurate class lists, If you are NOT returning to Hopkins please fill out this [form](#) by 8/10.

I know this is a lot of change and many unknowns remain. I know together we will figure this out. We are all doing the very best we can. Thank you for your support, flexibility, patience and grace. Please know that even though I am not able to physically open my office doors to you, I am still here for you by phone and email.

Warmly,
Lyndsey