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Dear Hogan Cedar Families,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer and are now ready to get back into the school routine! We have both of our secretaries, Heidi Kaplan and Andrea Tusow, back in the office so feel free to stop by, or call us at 503-261-4500, if you have questions about the upcoming school year. Our office hours are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. ***We are here to help!***

Our focus at Hogan Cedars is to ***“Create a dynamic learning community where every student is valued and supported on his/her educational journey.”*** Our staff joins you as partners in supporting students on this journey. We will continue to provide quality instruction and meaningful learning opportunities for all students to succeed!

Our first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Tuesday, September 7. (Kindergarten families will receive more information in a separate letter.) **Classes begin at 8:35 am.** Students can come into the building at 8:15 am each day. ***We will continue with our arrival procedures of having students enter the side front doors (side back doors if coming from buses), go to breakfast as needed, and line up in the cafeteria (3rd and 4th grade classes) and gym (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade classes) until teachers come to walk their classes to the classrooms.*** In the report card mailing last June, families were informed of their children’s teachers for the 2021-22 school year. **All students, grades K-5, will be dismissed at 3:05 pm each day. We continue to have Late Start for all grades on Wednesdays, with school starting at 9:35 am on these days, beginning on Wednesday, September 8** (students can enter the building at 9:15 am). Buses pick up students one-hour later in the mornings on Wednesdays.

Mark your calendars for a few important events: *See attached calendar*

- ***Open House, K-5th grades, Thursday, September 2nd, 2:00-3:30 pm***
- ***Join us for this fun outdoor event! This is a time for children and families to...***
 - ***Meet the teachers and other staff outside Hogan Cedars Elementary***
 - ***Learn about our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)***
- ***Unfortunately, the Gresham Teddy Bear Parade has been cancelled this year.***

Bus information is posted on our school website. Go to the *Parents* menu along the top of our homepage and scroll down to *Student Transportation*. Hogan Cedars website is www.gresham.k12.or.us/hces.

The safety of your children is our number one priority. Hogan Cedars is a very busy place at arrival and dismissal times. *Please review the following Safety Information* before the first day of school:

- ***In the mornings, all cars that are dropping off students will need to enter the parking lot at the far entrance. For everyone's safety, it is important that every car stays in the line (regardless if the student has gotten out of the car or not) until they have reached the drop off area. We will work as efficiently as possible to move vehicles while keeping safety in mind.***
- ***At dismissal, cars will again enter into the parking lot from the far entrance and will need to wait in line until their respective children are released to the vehicle. We will work as efficiently as possible to get students to their vehicles.***
- ***Daycare vans will be permitted to enter into the first entrance at arrival and dismissal and drop off or wait for their respective students in the circle area.***
- ***Please call the school office by 8:30 AM if your student will be late or absent. The phone number is 503-261-4500. After hours you can leave a message.***

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

This school year we will continue to offer a healthy breakfast and lunch to students **at no cost** during the school day, we will also need to collect household applications as in years' past.

What does this mean for you and your child(ren)?

- Your children will still be able to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost for the 2021-22 school year.
- Every family will need to complete a free meal application. Go to our school website under the *Parents* menu to get an electronic link, or get a paper form at the school office.

If you have any questions, or need assistance completing your application for free lunch, please contact Sodexo, at 503-261-4590.

We are excited to begin a new school year! Thank you for your incredible support!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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