

Cougar Families,

Huge thank you to our amazing PTA and staff for another wonderful Open House and Sno Cone Social last week! We are back in session tomorrow morning at 7:45 and looking forward to an outstanding year! If we have rain the first day, all students will be lining up inside. Pre-K and KDG parents are invited to stay for about an hour for the first day of school. Parents should not be moving throughout the building unless escorted.

Supervision is available outside starting at 7:30. K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will enter the building after the Pledge of Allegiance and our school song. Breakfast will take place before the start of our learning day at 7:30-7:42 for those interested. Dismissal is at 2:40 for Pre-K and K/1 graders and 2:45 for all other grade levels.

### **School Entry**

Pre-K students will enter from Door 6 in the back of our building opposite of our main entrance. Pre-K parents are invited to stay with their scholar for about an hour on this first day to participate in a scavenger hunt of the classroom.

KDG students will line up on the main landings in from the building. KDG parents are also invited to stay for about an hour for a couple announcements. This will allow our 1<sup>st</sup> grade leaders to buddy up and escort their classmates to their room.

2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will line up on the peaceful playground and enter immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance and school song at 7:45.

### **Uniforms**

All students in grades Pre-K-8 are expected to be dressed in full uniform the first day of school unless they were told about their Physical Education day during Open House.

### **School Spirit Wear**

There will be FREE shipping on orders during the weeks of 8-22 to 9-10. However, feel free to order at any time knowing there will be a flat rate of \$7.00 for shipping. Also, please be thoughtful toward our school colors. Spirit wear can be worn on PE days, admin chosen days and Friday (with school uniform pants).

### **Lunches**

Lunches are available for any student that needs one or wants one. No soda or glass containers in home lunches. Please encourage healthy packing in the lunches to keep our brains nourished.

### **Volunteering**

If you plan on volunteering or coaching you must be cleared through [CPS Volunteering](#).

### **Peaceful Playground**

Bikes and other forms of transportation must be walked once a student hits the perimeter of the school and peaceful playground.

### **Playground**

The playground is closed from 7:30-3:00 daily for public use. This includes non-school aged children.

### **Pets**

As much as we love animals, pets of any kind are not permitted on school grounds at any time.

### **Kiss-N-Go**

110<sup>th</sup> Street, near our playground in for our drop off. Students should not cross the street anywhere but the corners, this includes with a parent. If possible walk, it is very busy during arrival and dismissal- please be patient. If you drive, park a few blocks from the school and walk over. This will help immensely!

110<sup>th</sup> Place, near the main entrance must remain clear as this is designated for our Diverse Learners and bus parking. Do not block these spaces or resident's driveways. On a side note, school community members have been receiving tickets-be mindful of the signs.

### **School Fees**

If you have not payed your school fees, these can be paid on line. Here is the credit card link. [Credit card payments](#).

### **Registration**

If you have not completed your registration, please do not come to office until after 9:00. The office is going to be extremely busy getting the first day in order. Please be patient and prepare to wait. We will do our best to move as quickly as possible.

As you know, we are a Montessori and IB MYP educational community who believes in the gift of every child to inspire and empower the future of our humanity

Kindly,

Mr. McNichols