

## Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year

Where Courage. Heart. and Wisdom Lead the Way!

## Dear Hassler Families,

Although it can be hard to click our heels and say goodbye to the carefree days of summer, we're ready to fly into a magical new school year! The 2025-2026 journey is coming together beautifully, and we can't wait to welcome you back to a place where courage, heart, and wisdom shine...because there's truly no place like Hassler!

Here's everything you'll need to start the year off with a little sparkle and a lot of success:

**Email from Teachers-** On the afternoon of Friday, August 8, our teachers will cast a little magic your way and send a welcome email to their future students. *Please note:* Your child will not be assigned to a homeroom until you have completed the <u>Annual Enrollment Update</u>. Please call the front desk at 832-484-7100 if you need any help.

Meet the Teacher- We hope you can join us for Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 11 from 8:00–9:30 am (come-and-go style). You can check out your child's classroom, say hello to some new friends, and tour the school. We will also have cafeteria support, bus information, PTO volunteer opportunities, extra-curricular vendors, and more to guide you down the right path. If you purchased school supplies on your own, this is the perfect time to drop them off. On days like this, our parking lot may feel like a twister, but please do not park in any areas with a red fire lane.

Popsicles at the Playground -To our Kinder and PreK/ECSE families, please join us on Friday, August 8 from 8:30–9:30 am at the PreK/Kindergarten playground (on the west side near the bike racks). Meet other incoming families and enjoy a cool treat provided by our PTO! Our kinder teachers will pop by to say hello as well. It's sure to be a sweet start to your child's Hassler adventure.

**School Supplies-** If you missed the pre-sale, no need to head to the Emerald City! You still have options:

- \*Order kits from www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks using code HAS006 (will be delivered to your home)
- \*Or shop on your own using our supply list.
- \*If you ordered before the deadline last spring, your child's supplies will be delivered directly to their classrooms.

Stay in Touch- We'll keep communication flowing like Glinda's bubble—light, helpful, and full of sparkle! All school messages, including our weekly Hassler Herald newsletter, will be delivered by our new Klein ISD app. You can download it now, so you'll be all set when school gets started! Be sure to follow our Hassler PTO Facebook group called "Hassler (News, Updates & Reminders)". This is the social media site with the most information about school events. You can also follow "Hassler Elementary" on Facebook and "@hasslerkisd" on Instagram.

**First Week Arrival-** Parents will be permitted to walk their children to their exterior mod doors on the first three days of school. The email from the teacher will let you know which door to use. We will have staff members stationed at each door to welcome your child and make sure they find their classroom. Fourth and fifth grade students are upstairs, so our staff members will guide them to their classes. Beginning on Monday, August 18, all students will either enter from the front door or the cafeteria door by the bus circle, depending on the mode of transportation.

**Medication**- If your child requires medication (prescription or over-the-counter), please be sure to drop it off, along with a <u>medical authorization form</u> or a signed medical order from a licensed healthcare provider.. Contact <u>Lisa Salazar</u> with questions.

<u>Transportation Survey</u>- Let us know how your child will be getting home! You will select the mode of afternoon transportation for the first three days (as sometimes this varies), and you will also determine their regular mode of transportation. We will ALWAYS send your child by their regular mode of transportation unless you call the front office at 832-484-7100 prior to 2:45 to request a transportation change. Please do not email or call the teachers for this purpose, as they are busy teaching throughout the day and messages can be missed.

## Morning Arrival & Afternoon Dismissal

\*Bus & day care students: use cafeteria entrance

\*Car riders, walkers, bikers: use front entrance

If you are parking to walk your child to the door at arrival, use the left lane to access the parking lot. If you're dropping off in the car rider lane, use the right lane for our express drop-off. In the afternoon, walkers and bikers will exit by the bike racks, while car riders leave through the front doors.

\*Parents will NOT be permitted to park in our lot and walk across at the crosswalk during dismissal time. This allows us to stay focused on getting every child home safely and efficiently. No early dismissals after 2:45 please.

**School Hours-** School runs from 8:05-3:25, with arrival starting at 7:40 am. Please don't drop off before 7:40, as our flying monkeys...er, staff...aren't yet on duty! Breakfast is served beginning at 7:40. Dismissal begins at 3:25. Please, no early dismissals after 2:45.

<u>Bus Buddies Needed</u>- Want to help guide our little munchkins safely to their destinations? Volunteer as a Bus Buddy on August 13, 14, or 15, from approximately 3:15-5:00 pm. You will help make sure our children get off the bus at the correct location. Approved volunteers may sign up <u>here</u>.

**Become a Klein ISD Volunteer-** We love our volunteers! All volunteers must apply annually. You will not be able to volunteer in our building if you have not completed the application for this year.

**School Entry & Safety-** Please have your ID ready at the door. We know it feels strange, but no "tailgating" behind other visitors- it's all part of keeping our school secure! Lunch visits from parents can begin on August 25, to allow time for the children to eat together as a class and learn cafeteria procedures.

**Spirit Shirts-** Be on the lookout for a Spirit Shirt email from SchoolCash Online. Shirts will be purchased through SchoolCash Online. The sale will run from August 13-29, with delivery in mid-September.

Helpful Family Info- Many questions can be answered in the Parent Resource section of the Klein ISD webpage at <a href="https://www.kleinisd.net/page/parent-resources">www.kleinisd.net/page/parent-resources</a>, including bus routes, Skyward login, lunch menus, cafeteria payments, district calendars, and more. You can even preview what your child will be learning this year in the <a href="maily Curriculum Guides">Family Curriculum Guides</a>.

**Attendance-** We want your children at school every day, but sometimes they will have to miss due to illness, appointments, or other conflicts. Please submit an absence excuse in Skyward within 5 days of the absence. Doctor notes should be dropped off at the attendance office.

## Quick Glance Dates to Know: (printable reminders here)

August 8: Popsicle at the Playground, 8:30-9:30 am (for Kindergarten, PreK, Early Childhood)

August 8: Welcome email from your child's teacher (as long as the <u>Annual Update</u> is completed)

August 11: Meet the Teacher, 8:00-9:30 am

August 11: Altitude Spirit Day, 12:00-3:00 pm

August 13: First day of School!!! Doors open at 7:40 am

August 25: Lunch visits from parents can begin

August 28: Open House/Parent Information Night, 5:30-7:00

There's no place like Hassler—and we can't wait to begin this magical journey with you. Let's make this year one to remember, filled with brains, heart, courage, and a whole lot of joy.

Guiding with heart, leading with courage, and learning with joy, Sarah Brown, Principal, and the Hassler Team

