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Hello Aitken families!

Just a reminder that the first day of school for students in grades 1-5 will be on Wednesday, September 1, 2020. Kindergarten Orientation will take place on September 1st at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. School for Kindergarten will begin on Thursday, September 2nd. Pre-Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday, September 2nd; AM is at 11:00 AM and PM is at 1:00. The first day of school for Pre- Kindergarten students is Friday, September 3, 2020.

ARRIVALS (The school day begins at 8:45 a.m.):

School buses will continue to drop off students in the front of the school.

Students in grades K-2 can be dropped off at the back entrance near the outdoor classroom (same as last year). Of course, parents can park in the lot and walk their child to the outdoor classroom area until the bell rings. We will have staff at that entrance to help students into the building.

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On the first day of school for students in grades 1 and 2 (September 1st), they will line up in the courtyard that we will have marked with the teacher's name. The classroom teacher will come to meet and greet students and bring them into the classroom. If we have inclement weather, the process will be moved to the gym and you can use the side entrance adjacent to the main parking to bring students in. We will have areas marked by teacher and grade level.

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On September 2nd, the first day of school for kindergartners, we will have marked areas with the Kindergarten teacher's name in the courtyard. The kindergarten staff will come out to meet and greet the new students. Again, if we have inclement weather, the process will be moved to the gym and you can use the side entrance adjacent to the main parking to bring students in. We will have areas marked by teacher and grade level.

Grades 3-5 will continue to come in from the Newman Avenue entrance on the Rye Street side of the building. If you have students that are both in the early grades and upper grades, you can also park in the larger lot facing the new addition and walk your children to the back. We will make sure that your 3, 4, or 5th grader will get to the door closest to Rye Street to get to their classrooms.

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On days after the first day of school, students can wait with their parents if they choose in the courtyard area until the bell rings. For parents with children in two different grade-levels: You can drop off your younger child first, and then drop any additional siblings at their designated locations.

Please keep in mind that we now have over 550 students and that while we have more spaces in the new lot, the parking might still be limited.

DISMISSAL (The school day ends at 3:05):

School buses will continue to pick up students in the front of the school.

Pre-K will be dismissed from the new addition side exit of the school building at 11:30 AM for morning Pre-K and at 2:45 PM for afternoon Pre-K students.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the new addition side exit at 2:45 PM.

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Grades 1-2 will be dismissed from the back of the building near the outdoor classroom at 3:05 PM.

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Grades 3-5 will be dismissed from the back of the building on the Rye Street side as we did last year at 3:05 PM.

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We will continue to monitor our plans for arrivals and dismissals and make any necessary adjustments.



Just a reminder that students, staff, and visitors must wear masks when inside our school.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing all of you soon!

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Mr. Graf

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