

Dear Oak Park families,

Welcome to the new 2020-2021 school year! As you can imagine, there will be many changes to what school looks like for all of us! I am confident that if we work together as a team between home and school, each student will be successful this year. Here are a few changes that you will need to know for students who are attending brick and mortar school. School starts August 24<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-6, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten and August 31<sup>st</sup> for PreK. I know that some of these procedures are not what you are used to, but please keep in mind that everything has been planned for the safety of all students and staff. Many of these procedures will be implemented throughout the district.

- Office Hours: Our office will be open from 7:30-3:30 by appointment only unless you are coming to check in or check out a child or register your child. Please call the office at 321-269-3252. Only one family will be allowed in the office at a time to maintain social distancing. Masks are required to be worn at all times by visitors.
- Please keep your email address and phone number updated so that we can communicate with you. This is extremely important!
- Unfortunately, we cannot have visitors or volunteers at our school at this time. That means that parents will not be allowed to walk their students to their classrooms on the first day of school. We will have staff members throughout all areas of the school to assist your child.
- Unfortunately, no edible treats such as birthday treats or food dropped off will be allowed until further notice.
- Please have your student bring an empty water bottle to school with their name on it. Students will be allowed to fill their water bottles at the water fountains, but students will not be allowed to drink directly from the water fountains.
- ARRIVAL: Extremely important as this is new information. These procedures are in place to maintain social distancing.
  - Walkers and Bikers will arrive to school at 7:30. Please do not send your child any earlier than 7:30 to school because we cannot supervise children to maintain social distancing before that time.
  - Parents will not be allowed to stand at the front gate due to social distancing guidelines. You can watch your child from across the parking lot at the crosswalk between Oak Park and Madison. Again, staff members will be there to supervise students.
  - Car riders will NOT be dismissed from their cars until 7:45. Please have your student wait in the car until a staff member alerts you that it is time for students to come out of their cars. We can no longer open car doors for your student for safety reasons.
  - Bus Riders: Follow your normal bus pick up times. Masks must be worn.
- Dismissal: Extremely important as this is new information. These procedures are in place to maintain social distancing.
  - Walkers and Bikers will be dismissed at 2:25. If you are meeting your child, please meet them at the crosswalk between Oak Park and Madison. Parents will be unable to pick up their student at the front gate due to social distancing guidelines. Again, we will have staff supervising students.
  - Car Riders will be dismissed at 2:35. Please be patient as we are going to call your students from several staging areas to maintain social distancing. This procedure may take longer than our normal dismissal.

Welcome to our eLearners! If for any reason that you cannot log in on Monday, please do not worry. We will be making phone calls to families who are having difficulty.

This is a very challenging time for all staff, students, and families. Together, we will have a great year!

Yours for children,

Susan Mulchrone

Principal