The Joseph Greenberg Parent Connection

ENGAGING PARENTS to Uplift Students!

Engaged, Inspired, and Empowered to Make a Difference!

Issue 1, Sept/Oct 2022

To nurture the creativity, empathy, and critical thinking, essential to thriving in a changing global environment.

A Brief Word from the Principal

The Greenberg staff is eager to welcome new and returning students, excited about the year of learning and fun ahead for them. We know this year will be a year of adjustment for students as they become accustomed to the earlier 7:30 A.M. start time and bus routines for those that receive transportation. Our staff continues to support their well-being as our community continues to rebound from the anxiety prompted by the Pandemic.

Many requested information about the availability of aftercare services for their children. In order to support parents we are collecting information to assess the level of interest in our community. Please complete the survey so we can learn more about your aftercare needs. Aftercare Survey Link.

In this newsletter, protocols for the first day/ week of school are outlined as well as school safety and attendance reminders

Masking

The District requires that staff and students mask for ten days upon returning to school. This means staff and students must wear masks from August 29 through September 9. After the first ten days, masking is optional. Masking may be required when there is high community transmission. Please use this <u>Link</u> to read the District's **August 12** communication to families.



Students constructed a mini library.

Calendar Corner

8/26 - Meet and Greet 2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. 8/29 - 9/2 Early dismissal kindergarten only (11:09) 9/5 No School, Labor Day 9/16 No School (Pd for Teachers) 9/22 - Back to School Night 9/26 - No School, Rosh Hashanah 10/5 - No School, Yom Kippur 10/7 - Early dismissal (11:09) 10/10-No School, IndigenousPeople Day

<u>Meet and Greet</u> Visit Greenberg on **8/26** for a **Meet and Greet**. Meet your child's teacher and other staff members and drop off supplies.

Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students will be dismissed early the first three days of school so that teachers can conduct Kindergarten Interviews. Teachers will contact parents next week to schedule the interviews.

Protocols for Student Arrival

The following protocols will be followed on the first week of school:

New students (Updated) - These students will line up at their assigned room numbers in the yard if they are in grades 1 - 5. New students in grades 6-8 can gather by the canopy on Alicia street.

Kindergarten students - For the first week only, Kindergarten students will line up outside at their room numbers located in front of the handicap ramp near the basketball courts. In the afternoon, parents will pick up their children by the canopy near Alicia street and the brick ramp located to the left of the center school yard entrance. Starting September 6, kindergarten students will report to the auditorium to wait for teachers to pick them up. Parents can walk them to the center schoolyard doors where an adult will be posted to walk them inside the building and to the auditorium.

<u>First Grade</u> - Former kindergarten students, now in first grade, are familiar with walking into the building

Important Links (Bookmark pages) Parent Information Board Greenberg School Website

Important Attendance Reminders:

All early dismissals must be accompanied by a parent note, otherwise, the student is charged a ½ day unexcused absence. Students are recognized for outstanding attendance with monthly certificates, pizza parties, and other prizes. Students with poor attendance could be excluded from extra-curricular activities such as trips and assemblies. Parents will receive frequent notifications about attendance concerns and a meeting will be scheduled to create a plan to improve the attendance. More than 10 unexcused absences or chronic excused and unexcused absences will result in a referral to Truancy Court and DHS (Department of Human Services). Students are required to submit a note after each absence. A doctor's note is required if the child is absent for more than 3 days. We are here to support families. If there are extenuating circumstances, please reach out to one of our counselors: Ms. Dunn, K-4; Mr. LaQuay, 5-8. Thank you!



Make sure supplies are labeled with your child's name and room number to avoid any mix ups with other children.

Supply Schedule Bringing large quantities of bulky supplies to school is often burdensome for everyone. In addition to dropping off supplies at the Meet and Greet, we have assigned specific days for students to bring supplies to school based on their grade.

8/29 - Kindergarten 8/30 - 1st Grade 8/31 - 2nd Grade 9/1 - 3rd Grade 9/6 - 4th Grade 9/7 - 5th Grade 9/8 - 6th, 7th, 8th

It is hoped this protocol will prevent supplies from being lost or misplaced.



independently. They will enter through the center doors where a staff member will greet and guide them to the auditorium.

<u>Grades 2-5</u> - Students will line up at their numbers located in front of the wall between the center doors and rear exit. Teachers will pick them up when the bell rings.

<u>Grades 6-8</u> - Students in these grades do not have assigned numbers in the schoolyard. They will be called to begin entering the building at 7:20 A.M.

All students are eligible for breakfast. Any student interested in eating breakfast must report to the center schoolyard doors at 7:00 A.M. If a kindergarten student needs breakfast, walk them to the center schoolyard doors and staff will escort them to the cafeteria.

Student Drop-off Protocols

For student safety, it is vital that Greenberg staff is able to monitor students and have access to them as needed. Therefore, we highly encourage parents to exit the schoolyard once they bring their children to school. Parents can be confident that there are sufficient personnel in the yard to monitor students. If a parent needs to remain in the yard for a few minutes, they must stand by the brick wall on the right side of the center doors. Parents can safely watch children from there for a few minutes. Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.