

HAY SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL

“HOME OF THE HAWKS”

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Dear students, parents/guardians and staff members,

Welcome back Hawks!!! I hope everyone has had a great summer and find themselves looking forward to an amazing 2020-2021 school year. It is an honor to serve our school community as the PK-12 principal, I am excited to continue building trusting relationships that result in the creation of a first class educational experience for our students, parents/guardians and staff members.

Our back to school schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. - Fall activities meeting for parents and student athletes.

- This meeting will take place in the Auditorium.

Thursday, August 6th at 7:45 a.m. – Staff in-service

Monday, August 10th at 7:45 a.m. – Staff in-service,

- Official start date for fall sports, practice times to be determined

Tuesday, August 11th at 7:45 a.m. – Staff in-service

- 4:30 p.m. -6:15 p.m. PK-8 back to school night to meet your teachers. Students with a last name beginning with the letter A-L will meet their teachers from 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Students with a last name beginning with the letter M-Z will meet their teachers from 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12th at 8:00 a.m.- School begins

- Middle school and high school students first day of school, dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13th at 8:00 a.m.

- First full day of classes for PK-12 students

Based upon the results of our school community survey, we feel it is important to convey several points of emphasis to quell any misconceptions our patrons might have at this time. A more detailed reopening plan will be forthcoming. Please recognize that these plans are preliminary and subject to change as conditions evolve in our region.

Masks - It is recommended that all students and staff members wear masks. However, masks will not be required at this time. Once again, if conditions change we may move from recommended to required.

Social Distancing - The elementary school will be staying in classroom groups for all activities including lunch, recess, and other classes. They will be allowed to go to recess but only within

their classroom group. Secondary students will be social distanced in our classrooms to the best of our ability.

What if we have a case in the school? The forthcoming detailed plan will spell out our tiered approach. In summary, the health department will contact trace and quarantine the individual who tests positive and quarantine others based upon several factors including masks, social distancing and other preventative measures.

Other precautions - We will ask parents/guardians to screen their children before sending them to school. If a student requires medication to lower their temperature or displays any other symptoms indicating illness, **PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME FOR THE DAY!** The cutoff for a fever is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. We will have protocols in place for those students that show signs of illness at school. If you need help screening or have any questions about sending your child to school, please do not hesitate to communicate with the front office. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated by our entire school community.

**This plan will be implemented unless there are significant changes to the conditions in our area. Some of these changes could include a surge in cases, a case with a student or staff member, or the development and distribution of a vaccine.

We greatly appreciate your continued support, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to give us a call at (308) 638-4434.

Respectfully,

Mark J. Hagge
Hay Springs Principal