



Prairie Hills Junior High School

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144

The Pursuit of Excellence Continues.....

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have missed having ALL of our children in our gyms, lunchrooms, hallways and classrooms. We are so excited to engage ALL of our students for a different, yet rewarding school year. We have so many exciting and fun activities planned to encourage, motivate and stimulate our students. We plan to ensure that in the midst of their learning we take frequent mental wellness breaks. Most importantly, we are committed to ensuring that ALL of our students and staff remain safe and secure. We realize that we are still in the midst of a pandemic so we are conducting the following to ensure that our students remain safe:

- 1.) Temperatures checked daily
- 2.) Masks worn all day**mask breaks will be provided throughout the day for students**
- 3.) Weekly COVID testing beginning Monday, September 27, 2021
- 4.) Maintaining 3 feet of distance throughout the school day

We understand that these procedures will take time to become accustomed to, but we are confident that you will support our every effort to keep all of our students safe.

You may have various questions about the start of the school year, so the following information is provided for your assistance. All students are expected to return to FULL in-person learning. Any parents who are uncomfortable sending their children back to school in-person, must provide a written letter to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kimako Patterson, for approval or disapproval from the Board of Education.

The school hours for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows;

-Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

-Advisory/Homeroom begins at 7:50 a.m.

-Dismissal for bus riders will begin at 2:31 p.m.

-Dismissal for walker's or students who are picked up will begin at 2:37 p.m.

It is essential that your children are present every day for learning by 7:50 a.m. In addition, we will begin this school year with staggered start dates for each grade level.

6th grade-Wednesday, August 25th

6th & 7th grade-Thursday, August 26th

6th, 7th & 8th grade-Friday, August 27th

Parents, please join us in making sure that as we reimagine education, we make the 2021-2022 school year a PHENOMENAL year for our students. Won't you join Prairie-Hills as The pursuit of EXCELLENCE continues....

Sincerely,

Kennzell L. Smith, Principal