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LOWRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 10, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. I hope your summer has been memorable and full of family time. We are excited to have all students back on campus this year. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Lowry family. Our staff is committed to increasing student achievement by providing each student with a high quality education. We work together to provide an educational setting that is conducive to learning, understanding, and creating a genuine love of school.

Our theme for the 2021-2022 school year is "**Better Together, Stronger Than Ever!**". We look forward to building a lasting relationship with you and your child/children during the 2021-2022 school year.

Please know, in regards to COVID-19 protocols, we will continue to closely monitor the CDC, State and District guidelines. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we do everything we can to be responsive to the needs of the community around us.

OPEN HOUSE will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021. Pre-K through 2nd grade is from 3:00-4:00pm. Grades 3rd through 5th and ESE is from 4:00-5:00pm. Due to safety guidelines, please attend at your child's grade level assigned times.

SCHOOL HOURS: School hours are 7:40am – 1:55pm. The early release day schedule is included in the first day packet. Free breakfast will be served for students from 7:10am – 7:35am. We discourage parents from signing their children out early due to the amount of instructional time missed. If your child has to be signed out early, you must sign him/her out at the front office, with a picture I.D., no later than 1:30pm. **There will be no sign-outs after 1:30pm.**

AM ARRIVAL: Lowry is a "closed" campus. Due to safety reason, students may **NOT** be walked to class on the first day of school. All parents walking their child to school, from their neighborhood, are to drop off students at the sidewalk in front of the marquee. Due to safety reasons, I HIGHLY encourage parents to drop off students in the car rider line. We will have adult supervision throughout the school during morning arrival. The car rider line will be closed at 7:35am. Students must be in their seats prior to the tardy bell, which rings at 7:40am. Instruction starts promptly at 7:40am. **There will be no parking in the overflow parking lot for morning and afternoon arrival.**

Lowry has a morning HOST program from 6:30am to 7:10am in the cafeteria. Enrollment will begin before school starts. A fee of \$12.00 per week will be charged.

DISMISSAL CHANGES: Parents must notify the school office in writing regarding any change in the student's normal transportation per HCPS Policy 5230. For safety reason, **changes over the phone cannot be accepted.**

VISITORS: All volunteers/visitors must complete a new VOLUNTEER form each year. Forms can be found on the School District's website. Parents must have an approved form on file **BEFORE** volunteering in the classroom and attending a field trip. Allow up to two weeks for approval.

UNIFORM POLICY: Lowry has a mandatory uniform policy. Uniforms consist of navy or khaki bottoms, white, navy or light blue collared shirts. Sweatshirts/hoodies should be white, navy, and light blue with/without a school logo (***NO DESIGNS/NON-LOWRY LOGOS are allowed on sweatshirts***). Uniform bottoms may be found at any department store. Uniform shirts with the new school logo will be sold online from Logo Outfitters. Please go to the school website to find the uniform link in the PTA section. Spirit t-shirts and *jeans* can be worn on Fridays ***only***.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: A list of grade level supplies has been posted on the school website. Individual teachers may request additional supplies. School supplies ordered from PTA will be delivered to your child's classroom.

1ST DAY PACKET INFORMATION: In this packet, you will find materials that will need to be signed and returned the following school day. The list of forms to be returned are listed on this packet envelope. Please review all materials in the packet and share the appropriate information with your child.

It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other. We strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Thank you and we look forward to an amazing 2021-2022 school year. We are BETTER TOGETHER AND STRONGER THAN EVER!

Sincerely,

Michelle Spagnuolo
Principal