

## **Good Morning Hacker Family and Friends!**

The big day is almost here and I wanted to send you some logistical information before students arrive on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for the first day of the 2021-2022 school year so we can be sure to get off to a smooth start.

School does start the day after tomorrow, Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> with students being collectively admitted to the building beginning at 8:00a.m. All students will gather in the field to the southwest of the building. Teachers will meet their students on the field to welcome them and help guide them to the correct classroom. Because teachers will be outside, there will be no access to your student's classroom before school. We will begin our rolling dismissal at 3:00pm with all students being dismissed by 3:05pm.

Please note, student drop off and pick up is to occur on the school side of Jackson Street. For student safety, pick up and drop off of students is not permitted in the bus zones (North 4<sup>th</sup> East and East 2<sup>nd</sup> North) or in the parking lot between Hacker and Bennett Mountain High School.

As was the case last year, school meals will be free to all students. This includes one breakfast and one lunch. For students who are interested, breakfast will be served in the cafeteria beginning at 7:40a.m.

The Mountain Home School District continues to provide necessary school supplies for all students. These will be issued to your student via their teacher. If your student prefers specific items (a certain type of pencil, pen, binder, etc.) they are welcome to bring those.

Please remember, all schools function with access control. What this means for you and your student is that during school hours all exterior doors will be locked, including the front door, limiting access to the building. To gain entry, you will need to press the call button to the left of our front door ***and*** present a photo ID to the camera before being allowed in the building – you will be asked for this each time you visit the building. To aid the flow of traffic, the front door will be unlocked in the morning prior to student entry into the building (beginning at 7:30a.m.) and after students have been dismissed for the day (until 4:00p.m.). This procedure has been implemented to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff.

While we will be working on getting back to “normal”, we will continue to take reasonable mitigating steps to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19

including, regular sanitization of surfaces and distancing to the extent possible. As there is not currently a school board resolution requiring them, face masks are optional, however, as noted in Superintendent Gilbert's email, encouraged.

Because your student's attendance is imperative to their success, I am including the school district attendance calendar for your convenience. This will identify all of the breaks and early released for the year so you can plan accordingly.

We are excited about the upcoming school year and partnering with you to make this a great year for your student!

Sincerely,  
Lonni Smith  
Principal  
Hacker Middle School