

Hacker Middle School March Newsletter

Though difficult to believe, we are near the end of the 3rd quarter! Despite the end of the year creeping closer, there is still much to do. Please find below some of the happenings at Hacker Middle School for the month of March.

Important Upcoming Dates

March 8th – Return to full time instruction

March 12th – No School: Professional Development Day

March 17th – End of 3rd Quarter

March 18th – Junior High Pre-Registration Forms Due (6th grade only)

March 19th – 3rd Quarter Report Cards Out

Caps for Kids Fundraiser

March 22nd – 26th – Spring Break

March 29th – School Resumes

Updates

New Bell Schedule

Perhaps the most noteworthy information for the month of March is our transition to full time school for all students. Per the decision of the Board of Trustees, beginning Monday, March 8th all Hacker Middle School students will be in attendance Monday through Friday from 8:00am-3:05 pm. We are excited to be able to see our students more but recognize it will be a change to many schedules. As such, we have been encouraging students to start practicing going to bed and getting up earlier to be as prepared as possible for their new schedule.

Food Service

With the change in our schedule to full time comes a change in food services. Each day, Monday through Friday, students will have the opportunity to participate in both breakfast and lunch service. Additionally, student can opt into weekend meal service which will be handed out each Friday afternoon to take home. As has been the case all year, meals will continue to be free to all students.

Continued Precautions

Though we will have all students back full time, we will be maintaining many of the same COVID-19 protocols we have had all year. These include, but are not limited to:

- Masks to be worn by all students, staff and visitors per School Board resolution 21-03
- Social distancing to the extent possible
- Regular sanitization
- No outside food in classrooms except for lunch items (i.e. birthday and celebration treats)
- Limited access to the building
- Students are encouraged to bring non-glass water bottles (water fountains will not be available)

Upcoming Events

Junior High Pre-registration

On Thursday, March 11th, staff from Mtn. Home Junior High will be present to our 6th grade students important information about the upcoming school year. Information will be sent home with students to review with their parents and select classes for their 7th grade year. Additionally, parents can view the pre-registration presentation here:

<https://prezi.com/p/e4iesfltwxq9/?present=1>

The pre-registration form will be due back, with parent signature, the morning of Thursday, March 18th, at which time students will enter their course selections into the computer. Once the presentation is complete, you can contact Ms. Jennifer Sirani, counselor at the junior high, with questions (sirani_jl@mtnhomesd.org) .

Caps for Kids

On Friday, March 19th we will be participating in a Caps for Kids fundraising event. Caps For Kids is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to provide every child that is diagnosed with cancer or receiving chemotherapy to treat cancer a cap autographed by an athlete, entertainer, or other favorite celebrity of his/her choice. One of our very own Hacker students was a beneficiary of this initiative this year and we would like to do our part to support this great program. Students who choose to participate may wear a school appropriate hat of their choosing on Friday, March 19th by donating \$1.00. All proceeds will be given to Caps for Kids - it is that simple!

Final Notes

We know this transition back to full time is going to present challenges, however, we are excited to have the kids back. During the change, we ask for the reciprocal patience and grace we have all year and know that together we can finish this year strong.

As always, thank you for your partnership and support in educating your student. It is through this cooperation that we will continue to have a great school year.

Sincerely,
Lonni Smith
Principal