

## **HMS Welcome Back Info**

Hello Hacker families and friends!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are excitedly preparing for you student's arrival and can't wait to see them Monday. On that note, I wanted to share a few logistics for Monday to ensure a smooth start to the year.

### **Hybrid Schedule Information**

School does start this coming Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. As requested by the school board, we will be utilizing an AM/PM hybrid schedule with our students.

AM students will gather in the field to the southwest of the building by 8:00am (but please no earlier than 7:45). 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. AM students will begin being released at 11:00am.

PM students will also gather in the field as mentioned above, however, need to be there by 11:55am (please no earlier than 11:40). We will begin releasing PM students at 3:00.

If you are unsure of your student's session assignment, you can find it by logging into your Parent Portal account (<https://powerschool.mtnhomesd.org/public/home.html>) and checking for their listed home room in the "My Schedule" section. It may be worthwhile to log in and just double check your AM/PM assignment just to avoid confusion on Monday.

### **Meal Service**

We will continue to provide meal service to those students who wish to participate, though much like everything else this year, it will look very different.

Our morning session students will be able to eat breakfast in the cafeteria, prior to the start of the school day. Once they are in class, they can then order a lunch, which will be packed for them and given to them as they leave at the end of the day. Our afternoon session students will then be able to eat lunch in the cafeteria, prior to the start of their day. Once they are in class they can then order a breakfast, which will be packed for them and given to them as they leave at the end of the day.

On Wednesdays, students will be asked to place their order for a breakfast and/or lunch for Friday. These meals will be sent home with students on Thursday, as they leave. This means, students could be bringing home three meals that day, so please be aware they will be carrying an extra bag for the weekend.

The cost of breakfast is \$1.60 and the cost of lunch is \$3.10. Families who have completed the Free and Reduced lunch application either through Meal Time or the paper version, should be receiving a letter letting them know about their qualification for the program, however, families are responsible for paying for the meals until they are qualified. Families must complete the application each year, so if you have not filled out an application for the 2020-2021 school year,

please do so as soon as possible. Again, the application can be filled out through your Meal Time account, found on our website or we have paper copies in the front office.

For those students attending the afternoon session and who normally bring a cold lunch to school, we are asking that if possible, those students eat at home. We also understand that due to the schedule, some families might need their students to eat their cold lunches at school. If your child needs to eat their cold lunch at school, we are asking that they bring their lunch to the cafeteria and either have all disposable items or that they place their lunch box back in their backpack once they have finished their meal.

Students who walk or are driven to school should arrive no earlier than 7:45am for the morning session and 11:40am for the afternoon session. This allows them time to eat breakfast or lunch prior to the first bell, while also giving time to our bus drop off and arrival.

### **Pick Up / Drop Off**

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.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Much like the other elementary schools in the district, we will be holding a Meet the Teacher for our families, however, it will look different than it has in the past. On Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with one parent will be able to attend a session to meet their teacher. Sessions will be assigned based upon last name to ensure we are able to practice social distancing. In an attempt to minimize scheduling conflicts with the elementaries, our schedule is as follows:

7:45-8:15 - Last name A-C

8:30-9:00 - Last name D-G

9:15-9:45 - Last name H-K

10:00 – 10:30 - Last name L-M

10:45-11:15 – Last name N-R

12:15-12:45 - Last name S-T

1:00-1:30 - Last name U-Z

We recognize this schedule may be difficult for some to attend. If you are not able to attend your assigned session, please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns, either through email or a phone call.

### **Face Masks**

Per Resolution 21-03 passed by the Mountain Home School Board of Trustess, all students, staff and visitors must wear a face mask when in any district building. Students are welcome to bring their own mask provided it covers both nose and mouth or a face mask will be provided to them.

### **Access Control**

Please remember, all schools in the district 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. 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.

### **Final Notes**

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and patience as we have worked to redesign what our year would look like in the last 10 days to meet the request of the school board. I know it has only added to some frustration as you were forced to wait for information that we didn't necessarily have to share with you yet.

Please know we are excited about the upcoming school year and the opportunity to partner with you to make this a great year for your student!

Sincerely,

Lonni Smith

Principal

Hacker Middle School