Happy Friday Hacker Friends and Family!

We are just days away from the opening of school buildings and the start of a new school year! Officially, the Hacker Middle School office will open Monday, August 3rd from 8:00am-3:30pm. with school starting for students on Monday, August 17th.

I'm going to apologize now for the length of this. Despite there being many questions about how the school year is going to take shape, there is still a lot of information I want to share with you.

Reopening Plans

In mid-July, Superintendent James Gilbert shared the Mountain Home School District Reopening Plan draft which was approved by the School Board at the July 21st board meeting. If you did not have a chance to view it, here is the link: https://www.mtnhomesd.org/uploads/5/4/5/6/54566927/mhsd_reopening_-_draft_-_jul_15_20.pdf.

The Hacker Middle School Reopening plan draft has been submitted and will hopefully be approved in the next few days. Once approved, we will share this important information with you.

Both of these plans outline proposed operating procedures during the pandemic designed to reduce contagion risk associated with COVID-19 and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Registration

In person, *new student registration* will be Wednesday, August 5th. We are encouraging appointments to minimize the number of people in the building at any one time and assist in the promotion of social distancing. You can call us at (208)587-2580 beginning Monday, August 3rd to set up an appointment.

We are also offering a very convenient online new student registration this year that can be completed at any time. Simply use this link and it will take you to the new student registration page where you can submit your student's information and upload any necessary documents.

Regardless of whether you register your student in person or online, we will need a copy of their birth certificate and immunizations.

Beginning, Monday, August 3rd, the *returning student registration* window will reopen. If you did not do so in the spring, returning student registration needs to be completed through your ParentPortal account where you will verify the information (i.e. address, phone number, email) on file is correct (https://powerschool.mtnhomesd.org/public/home.html). You can also fill out the new free and reduced lunch application – a task that needs to be completed every year. The registration process needs to be completed via a web browser; the app will not work for this process. If you need help or access to a computer to do this, please call, send us a message or come see us!

Online Classes

For families that have concerns about having their student attend school in person this year, the Mountain Home School District is offering an entirely online option. This option is open to all students enrolled in the Mountain Home School District. To initiate this process, please be sure you have registered your student at their home school and fill out the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeemE9BNQDId_47AuTBdZtp7JImCn3r9fZHKJh H4yUIenbVDg/viewform

Enrollment for the online option must be completed by 3:00pm Friday, August 14th and constitutes a commitment to completely online learning for at least one semester.

School Supplies

As in years past, we will again be providing all necessary school supplies to students. Students may feel to bring specialized supplies for their personal use.

Masks

Per the resolution passed by the Mountain Home School Board of Trustees at their regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 21st, all students, staff and visitors will be required to wear a face mask when in any school district facility including Hacker Middle School. The district is in the process of securing masks for all students and staff, however, students are welcome to bring their own provided they fit appropriately and follow the Hacker Middle School dress code (i.e., no profanity, drug /gang related material, etc.).

Final Thoughts

As mentioned before, I recognize there are a lot of questions surrounding what this school year will hold. While we may not have all of the answers, I encourage you to reach out with your questions, not only now, but throughout the year. As we progress, I promise we will do our best to be proactive communicators.

We look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year to ensure your student has the best experience they can at Hacker!

Stay Safe!

Sincerely,

Lonni Smith
Principal
Hacker Middle School