



September 2020 Eisenhower Express

EISENHOWER.....YOU ARE AWESOME!



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Dear Eisenhower Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! It goes without saying that this is by far the strangest and least “normal” start to a school year in my memory. Without going on about the pandemic, I’ll just say we are glad to get the school year started and to continue working with and teaching your child in whatever learning platform you have chosen. It was awesome to see so many smiling and eager faces at Orientation Day and it seems kids are just happy to be back in some sort of routine and to see their school friends again.

We obviously have instituted many new precautions and protocols in order to keep everyone safe and I appreciate your cooperation and support. I have to say that overall the students are doing a fantastic job of following the safety procedures of hand washing/sanitizing, social distancing, and wearing masks. Things look quite different at school but the teachers have done a great job of giving “mask breaks” and taking students outside for fresh air. We know that building endurance is a process and we are mindful of the needs of our learners. We are also utilizing outside spaces as much as possible and capitalizing on the nice weather while it lasts.

A quick reminder of our visitor policy and arrival/dismissal procedures... We are limiting the number of visitors into the building but want to make sure we are tending to your questions and needs. Don’t hesitate to call the main office between 7:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and we are happy to help. Please limit “in person” visits to things that can’t be answered or done over the phone. During arrival and dismissal, I want to thank parents for using our drop-off and pick-up area in the upper parking lot as much as possible. Kids are getting into the routine of locating their rides either on campus or in the neighborhood which is great! For parents who absolutely need to get out of their cars and pick up their child on school property near the orange cones, thank you for staying behind the cones. But remember if you are getting out of your car and/or coming onto school grounds for any reason you need to wear a mask and practice social distancing. If wearing a mask is problematic for you then I invite you to stay in your car and meet your child in our parking lot or off school property. Thanks for being a good role model for our students!

Tomorrow is our first Friday with a one-hour late start for teacher professional development. School for students tomorrow (B Day) will begin school exactly one hour later than on Monday-Thursday. For families that absolutely need child care assistance you may drop off your child at the front door starting at 8:15 and we will have supervision in the large gym. Students will sit at lunch tables socially distanced and following our mask wearing protocols. We ask that children attending bring at-home learning work or a book that they can read or some other activity that they can do independently. Our staff will supervise but the program isn’t designed to provide activities.

Upcoming events in the month of September include FAST testing for both hybrid and online students as well as additional materials deployment to our online families. Information about devices for our hybrid students was shared by the district last Friday so I urge you to read that message if you have any questions.

We’ll continue with the monthly Eisenhower Express but will provide additional announcements via Parent Square as the need arises throughout each month. Don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Have a great month of September!

Andy Ferguson

Principal

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Summer

Hello! My name is Molly Summer, and I am the School Counselor here at Eisenhower! I am SO excited to work with you and your students this school year. I can help with a variety of things, such as, teaching classroom lessons to all students about a variety of counseling-related topics, performing individual student planning, providing brief, solution-focused individual counseling to support academic, social and emotional success, providing support during crises, collaborating with school staff, families, and community agencies to support students and families, and making referrals for appropriate community resources. I am available to all hybrid and online students. If your child would like to see me, they can fill out this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KLmJlXymME-BRbUp5ZP4IJBwiflNs2NCjO0C6-6TRDNUNU5BTjI2SkRRQkNHTEYySIVQQTIOVUs4US4u>



Hello Eisenhower Families!

My name is Christy Heller, I am the Eisenhower PTO President. I have two children! One here at Eisenhower in 3rd grade and one in 7th grade.

Although this year looks and feels different our mission as a PTO is the same! We are dedicated to supporting our school and students by enriching their learning as much as possible this year!

As a PTO we rely on volunteers! The more volunteers the lighter the work for the group! This year is a great year to get involved! Although we will not be doing anything the first half of the school year to draw a crowd of people, we are still determined to add a splash of our PTO fun!

September PTO Events & Meetings:

Now until 09/13 – Eisenhower School Apparel Online Store is OPEN!
https://shop.envisiontees.com/eisenhower_elementary_2020/shop/home

09/10 and 09/11 – SPIRIT DAY! The PTO will be sending home microwave popcorn to enjoy! Wear your Eisenhower apparel or school colors! Send in pictures of everyone showing their school spirit to the Eisenhower PTO Facebook page for us to proudly display!

Hybrid Students- A bag of Popcorn will be handed out and sent home!

Online Students – A bag of popcorn will be in your supply bags!

*The tradition with School Spirit Days are the PTO pops popcorn for the students. Then it is handed out during their lunch period. This day would not be the same without popcorn!!

09/14 – PTO MEETING!

The meeting will be held via Zoom 6:30 – 7:30. The link to this meeting will be sent out Via Facebook. Please reach out to have the meeting link emailed directly if preferred.

09/21 Will be the start of our Online Bookfair

More information will be sent out including the link to shop great books and support Eisenhower at the same time!

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Stay connected with the Eisenhower PTO!

MONTHLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11

**SPIRIT DAYS (WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE EISENHOWER
GEAR OR SCHOOL COLORS)**

SEPTEMBER 3-13

**EISENHOWER ONLINE
SCHOOL APPAREL STORE
OPEN**

SEPTEMBER 14

**PTO ZOOM MEETING 6:30-
7:30**

SEPTEMBER 21-OCTOBER 4

**PTO SPONSORED ONLINE
BOOK FAIR**

OCTOBER 2

**NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING DAY**