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Dear Northwest Families,

We would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. It is our honor to continue to work with you and your children as administrators of the Northwest Elementary School. We look forward to embracing the year ahead with our dedicated staff, wonderful students, and supportive families. Throughout the summer, we have been working to ensure the building is ready for our students to safely arrive on **Thursday, September 9th** for the first day of school. As previously noted by Dr. Fale, the interim superintendent, all students will be in school for full in-person instruction.

Masks

Students are required to wear masks while on district transportation and in school.

Contact Information

In the welcome back mailing, you will find a contact information form. Please complete the form and provide a cell phone number and email address in order to receive school and district-wide messages. The emergency contact should be someone available during school hours to pick up your child if needed.

Morning Arrival

This year, there are some changes to our morning arrival procedures. Student arrivals have been staggered to minimize congestion. Students arriving on district transportation may enter the building as early as **8:45 a.m.** Arrival for walkers and students being dropped off will begin at **8:55 a.m.** and not sooner. We ask that you use the center walkway or the south parking lot loop. If using the south parking lot loop, remain in your car until building personnel can assist your child. In order to ensure everyone's safety, please adhere to the traffic rules on County Line Road and use the designated school crosswalks and sidewalks. Do not use the front circular driveway until after 9:15 a.m., as it is designated for **BUSES ONLY**.

Afternoon Dismissal

Student dismissal begins at 2:50 p.m. for our students who are picked up from school. Parents of kindergarten students will report to the gym in the new kindergarten wing located on the south side of the building. Parents of first and second-grade students will report to the cafeteria. **Photo identification is required to pick up students.** For the safety of all students and to eliminate congregating, please adhere to the following schedule.

2:50- Kindergarten Students

2:50- First Grade Students

3:00- Second Grade Students

Students who take district transportation will board the buses around 3:10 p.m. **Please be patient at bus stops during the first few days of pick-up and arrival as the times may vary slightly.** As expected, it will take a few days for parents, students, and drivers to get a feel for the routes.

IMPORTANT: Change of Dismissal Arrangement

For the safety of all children, any changes in the manner by which your child will be dismissed **MUST** be in writing and presented to the teacher that same morning. It is not a simple task to change a child's method of dismissal. **If an unexpected change arises during the school day, the parent must notify the office before noon.** Do not try to remove your child from the bus once he/she has boarded. Bus drivers are not authorized to release students.

Visitation Procedure

At this time, we are limiting visitors to the building. Please call the main office at 631-565-6500 if assistance is needed. To the extent possible, correspondences should be in writing, email, or through Class Dojo. If you must be physically present in the building, appointments will be scheduled, and all visitors must adhere to the safety protocols and procedures. For the protection and security of our students, faculty, and staff, all visitors to the building must present a form of identification to our security officer and wear an approved mask.

Birthday Celebrations

At this time, we are curtailing birthday celebrations for the safety of our students and staff until further notice.

Virtual Backpack

Any flyers/letters sent home are accessible on the School's Website in the Virtual Backpack.

Student Supplies

Please do not send your child to school with a large bag full of supplies on the first day. Instead, send supplies a little at a time throughout the first week.

Social Media

Please visit the Northwest Instagram and Twitter accounts- @amitynws

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in building a safe school environment. As we have learned throughout this pandemic, data and guidance changes daily, therefore plans may need to be adjusted accordingly. As always, we appreciate your patience and support. We look forward to a successful school year!

Sincerely,

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