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July 20, 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! We are expecting a somewhat "return to normal" following the past two years of covid protocols. Thank you all for your understanding as we navigated the unknowns of Covid-19; your support was greatly appreciated.

Students will enjoy several updates when they return to school this fall, including:

- new playground equipment and surfacing with two new benches coming soon;
- new lockers for grades pk through 5;
- new furniture in several classrooms;
- several hydration stations (for water bottle filling) and additional water fountains by the main office and library; and
- a new "look" to the main office.

We have one new staff member this year and one staff member moving into a new role. Mrs. Katlyn Torgerson is our new fourth grade teacher. Ms. Jamie Mlnarik is returning in a new role as third grade teacher (she has previously been a paraprofessional and long-term substitute in our district). We are advertising for the following positions: paraprofessional, long-term substitute for language arts (August through November), and special education teacher.

Online registration will be used again this year. Families, please follow the enclosed instructions to register your child(ren) for school any time between 8:00 a.m. August 2 and 3:00 p.m. August 4th. If you don't have internet access or need assistance, please call the school to make an appointment and we will help get you registered. Registration needs to be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4. Fees can be paid in-person at the school from 8:00-3:00 August 2, 3, or 4. There will be an option for online payments (by credit card or bank automatic transfer) for meals and fees this year. We are hoping to have the online payment option set-up in time for registration.

The federal waiver granting free meals to all students expired over the summer. We are returning to pre-pandemic paid meal operations. Households will need to re-apply in order to receive free or reduced-price meals. The free and reduced application is part of the online registration. We encourage EVERYONE to apply for free and reduced meals. Our district receives funding for each application, regardless of eligibility.

A reminder of our arrival and departure procedures: All students in grades pk-3 should enter and leave the school through the elementary doors (entrance 5); grades 4-8 should enter and leave through the flagpole doors (entrance 2). For parents who give their children a ride to school, there is a "Drop Off Zone" at the elementary end of the building. At the end of the day, we prefer you park outside the Drop Off Zone and

walk up to the doors so we can see who is picking up students. All doors are locked during the school day so after 8:00 a.m. you may enter through the main office (entrance 1).

Teachers will again use the Remind App to contact you. Please join classes when you receive the requests from teachers. The JMC Alert System will be used for district-wide alerts. Please keep us updated with a current phone number to ensure you receive these important communications.

Our Open House is Tuesday, August 23 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Supper will be served in the cafeteria. Students are invited to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and drop off school supplies that evening. Students in grade 6 will have "Orientation" at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

We'll soon be featuring an online school spirit store for Browns Valley Thunderbirds clothing and accessories. We intend to launch this store on or before August 23. Please watch Facebook for updates.

We are looking forward to the first day of school on Thursday, August 25. School begins at 8:00 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. We miss all our students and families and can't wait to see you again.

Please call if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Carmen Hills, Superintendent



Denise Pikarski, Principal

Enclosures:
2022-23 Calendar
Supply List
Registration Directions