



# Browns Valley Public School

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*S.O.A.R. Together: building a school family to guide and inspire our students for success in reaching their potential.*

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Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! We are excited to say that we anticipate a fairly normal start to the school year. Our current plan is to reinstate all former offerings, including: sports, After School Program, Targeted Services, and Homework Help. The Minnesota Departments of Health and Education will release Covid-19 guidance for schools soon. We will communicate any pertinent requirements to you in August.

We have new staff members joining our school family. They include:

- Second Grade: Makayla Zetah,
- Middle School Science and Social Studies: Jennifer Keller, and
- Paraprofessional: Cheryl Forner.

Job searches are being conducted for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and an elementary football coach. We will make notifications as the positions are filled.

Online registration will be used again this year. Families, please follow the enclosed instructions to register your child(ren) for school. If you don't have internet access, 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 5. Fees can be paid in-person at the school from 8:00-3:00 August 3, 4, or 5.

This year, 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). Something new for parents who give their pk-grade 3 aged children a ride to school is the implementing of a morning "Drop Off Zone" at the elementary end of the building. Parents can drop off students next to the sidewalk and thereby avoid students needing to cross the road. Parents using the Drop Off Zone should remain with their vehicle. If parents need to enter the building, please park outside the Drop Off Zone. 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. Feel free to drive by the south side of the school and check it out before the start of school. The Drop Off Zone is marked with signs and a painted curb and is accessible if you drive west along the elementary wing.

Teachers will again use the Remind Communication App to contact you via call, text, and email. Please be sure to join those classes when you receive the request from teachers in August.

Our Open House is Tuesday, August 24 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and supper will be served in the cafeteria. Students are invited to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and drop off school supplies that evening.

We are looking forward to the first day of school on Thursday, August 26. School begins at 8:00 a.m. Doors open at 7:30. 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*  
Carmen Hills, Superintendent

*Denise Pikarski*  
Denise Pikarski, Principal