

Friday, August 14, 2020

Dear Hale Families,

A few notes as we finish the week.

- This fall, we are tightening up **Distance Learning**. Following state and district guidelines, and using spring survey results from Hale, Distance Learning this fall will look more like an actual school day. Morning meetings, live lessons, small group instruction, and teacher office hours will be mandatory. Grade levels will teach similar lessons on the same timeline. Live lessons will be recorded and posted for families needing flexibility. The Hale Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) is working to better specify what the school day will look like. More information to come.
- Haven't taken the **Student Device Survey** yet?  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vZWY2MEehEWWMahmkGpoOG5QIwEH8RFHtvLb6DCRK5dUQIZSSFZFVVFkUzZRWDhFRldTVkg0MVBPRC4u>
- **Classroom Assignments** for students will be sent out on Monday. A couple important notes.
  - One, after discussing different ways to assign students to classrooms, our ILT decided to proceed with the classroom groupings that teachers balanced and built last spring.
  - Two, in keeping with school policy, we will NOT move students to different classrooms based on parent requests.
  - Three, Hale staff are dedicated to equitable instruction, inclusive of all Hale students! Our work, resources, time and energy will go into our daily instruction through Distance Learning. Hale staff members will NOT work with groups that have formed outside of the school, nor will they be available for teaching and/or tutoring outside of Hale.
- **Save the Dates** for our socially distanced Hale **Open House** on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (approximate times are 12noon – 6pm). We are working on a plan that will allow students and their families to visit the Hale grounds and meet teachers, complete final paperwork, and pick up student devices for Distance Learning.
- **Teachers** report back to work on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Like you, many of them are planning what Distance Learning will look like for their own families. Please be patient and understand this as you wait for communication from them.
- Looking for more information regarding **Distance Learning** and the Minneapolis Public Schools?  
<https://b2s.cmf.urbanplanet.com/Res/B2S%20Guidance%20-%20English.pdf>
- The **Hale Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**, in collaboration with teachers, pre-ordered **classroom supplies** in spring 2020 for our 2020-2021 school year. Instead of handing out supply lists, the PTA is asking families to contribute **\$45 per student** to cover the costs of school supplies. Make donations at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/HaleSchoolPTA> Please put School Supplies in the notes section. Or you can mail a check to the school and note on the envelope "PTA School Supplies Contribution". (5330 13th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417) **Any** contribution to the school supply program you are able to make (big or small) is appreciated and welcome!
  - **PTA Information:** Please be sure to sign up for both the Hale/Field school directory and for the Hale PTA newsletters.
    - <https://haleandfield.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
    - <https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001EBMcLcbjBgfQjjwDyXGT9fY85SjTfEcC>

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