

Friday, September 18, 2020

Dear Hale Families,

Happy Friday! Now that you are receiving different communication pieces from teachers, I'm going to slow my newsletter delivery down to once every couple weeks. I hope this helps reduce information overload. Hoping you find time to get outside and enjoy the cool weather and soon-to-be-changing fall foliage.

- **The Balloon Arch** will be up for a couple more hours (until 5pm) today! If you are interested in taking a First Week of School picture, head over to Hale and visit door 1 on 12th avenue to take your own pictures under the arch. Please practice social distancing! HUGE thanks to the Hale PTA for doing this and Meghan Sweeney and Lisa Roberts for set up and take down. It was really fun!
- **Community Education Classes** are being offered. Please see the brochure I've attached to this email.
- **Daily Attendance** is being taken by all classroom teachers at Hale. Daily contact with students, in one form or another, is our goal. Please contact your teacher if your child will be absent.
- **Student Independence** is something both families and teachers are working on. We are teaching children how to navigate their daily activities, with LOTS of help from you, and discussing how to streamline our pages so kids don't need to rely on adults as much. It'll take some time, but we'll get there!
- **If you are visiting us at Hale**, please wear a mask and come to Door 6 on 13th avenue. This will be the only door open. Please come in to the table and wait for assistance.
- **Still in need of a device for Distance Learning?** Please email sofia.vladimirova@mpls.k12.mn.us
- It's time to complete your **Application for Educational Benefits (AEB)**, previously known as the "Free and Reduced Lunch" form. Families of all incomes should complete this form each year. Every application matters! **Complete your form today!** Only one application is needed for all children in a family. <https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/application>
- **Need technology tutorials?** The Source provides students and families with video and written instructions to help you learn how to use an array of technology tools for Distance Learning. **Tutorials are available** on how to use Google Classroom, Seesaw, Google Meet, setting up iPads, Chromebooks and hotspots, and much more. <https://source.mpls.k12.mn.us/support-for-your-students>
- **Student Meals during Distance Learning** will be available for families. However, pick-up days and locations will be a little different than summer. https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/2020-21_school_year.html
- Some of this year's **PTA supplies** were already distributed to students while other supplies will remain at school in case we return, or be used for a second supply delivery. We are asking for \$45.00 per student or whatever amount you can contribute. If you have not had a chance to contribute yet, you can do so on the Hale website <https://hale.mpls.k12.mn.us/supplies>.

"Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine brighter."