

Friday, August 21, 2020

Dear Hale Families,

More notes that hopefully provide more answers...

- This week, our Hale Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) continued to review daily schedules and instructional times. While there are several pieces and steps in building a school schedule, I wanted to share some specifics that may assist in your planning for the beginning of the year during Distance Learning.
  - The Hale School student day will take place from 7:30am – 2pm
  - The day will consist of both live and recorded lessons/activities
  - Classroom morning meetings will be held daily
  - 90 minutes of Literacy instruction will be provided daily
  - 60 minutes of Math instruction will be provided daily
  - Next week, staff will define specifics within the 7:30 -2pm time frame.

Interested in the **Hale Open House**? Our modified plan requires some planning, for safety, so read the flyer carefully. [https://hale.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/hale\\_open\\_house\\_2020.pdf](https://hale.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/hale_open_house_2020.pdf)

- Haven't taken the **Student Device Survey** yet?  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vZWY2MEehEWWMahmkGpoOG5QIwEH8RFHtvLb6DCRK5dUOQlZSSFZfVVFkUzZRWDhFRldTVkgoMVBPRC4u>
- **Classroom Assignments** for students went out on Monday through email. If you did not receive information for your child, please contact Ms. Ana.  
[Ana.pineda-ponce@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Ana.pineda-ponce@mpls.k12.mn.us)
- Please help me welcome our **New Hale Staff Members...**
  - Ms. Ana Pineda-Ponce (School Secretary)
  - Mrs. Lauren Venem (Citywide Autism Teacher)
  - Ms. Jennifer Gottenborg (Instructional Specialist)
  - Mr. Jordan Block (Fourth Grade Teacher)
  - Ms. Emma Westerlund (Associate Educator)
  - Dr. Ruth Chaffee (School Psychologist)
  - Ms. Rebecca Richardson (School Nurse)
- Expect **communication from your child's teacher** on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Included will be a brief welcome letter and an Open House sign-up.
- 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.) **Any** contribution to the school supply program you are able to make (big or small) is appreciated and welcome!
- **More PTA Information** can be found at <https://hale.mpls.k12.mn.us/pta>

*"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better."  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*