

Friday, August 28, 2020

Dear Hale Families,

Hope this week's notes are helpful...

- Many of you have been waiting patiently for **grade-level schedules**. The Hale Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), and staff, have agreed on what the Hale day should look like based on district and state requirements. I have attached the grade-level schedules to this newsletter for families needing more guidance. A few things to remember as we begin the year.
 - Teachers will be using the first few weeks of the school year to build relationships, establish routines, and support students and families in getting familiar and comfortable with programs and processes.
 - Grade level teams may adapt/modify some pieces of the schedule based on how things go during the first four to six weeks. Any changes will be clearly communicated.
 - Distance Learning is hard for all of us. As we begin this year, your feedback will be instrumental in assisting us in making Distance Learning most beneficial for all.
 - Morning Meetings, Lunch, and Recess times are aligned for ALL children.
- The modified **Hale Open House** was amazing! To those of you who were able to attend, it was great to see you. For those of you unable to attend, we're sorry we missed you. Huge thanks to the Hale Welcoming Equity Committee and the Hale Parent Teacher Association for hosting tables, Ms. Sofia Vladimirova for distributing devices, and numerous adults for sharing tents and assisting with set up and take down.
- If you are still in **need of a device**, please email sofia.vladimirova@mpls.k12.mn.us
- If you are reading this newsletter and are **unsure of your child's classroom teacher** or have **questions for us**, please contact Ms. Ana Pineda-Ponce, our school secretary. Ana.pineda-ponce@mpls.k12.mn.us
- **Student Meals during Distance Learning** will be available for families. However, there are a few changes that will be happening. https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/2020-21_school_year.html
- 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>

"Believe in yourself, learn, and never stop wanting to build a better world."

-Mary McLeod Bethune