

Week of July 19, 2021

Good Evening, Pearsonstown Family...This is Rod Teal, calling with a #PandaNation update for the first week of school!!

It's Time!! The Great Pearsonstown Comeback will begin tomorrow morning!! A feeling of anxiety and excitement fills the halls here at Pearsonstown and if the most recent Open House is any indication of how the opening and the year will be, I am hippopotamus happy for what the 2021-22 school year will bring.

All students and staff are required to wear masks while attending Pearsonstown. If your child happens to forget their mask, please make sure you let one of the carpool attendants know and they will get one for them. Temperature checks will not be done at drop off and parents will not need to complete the health screener before students are admitted into the building.

We will be experimenting running two carpool lines this year similar to what we did this Spring. K-1 students and siblings can be dropped off and picked up only in the bus lot and students in grades 2-5 can be dropped off and picked at the gym entrance. I am asking that we practice "grace and mercy" through the beginning weeks of carpool. Carpool can be stressful, but I promise we are working hard to streamline the process and once students get used to where they are supposed to be and move quickly when their names are called, the process will begin to move much quicker. We will not have the "Walkup" option this year for parents to enter the building to walk their kids to class or pick them up. If parents need to enter the building, please try and schedule an appointment with Mrs. Harris and make sure you are wearing your mask.

Your child is required to bring their Chromebook and their individual personal supplies to school every day. If you have purchased general classroom supplies for your child's teacher, I want to thank you in advance for that!! In an effort to avoid traffic jams on the first day of school we are asking that you not bring those items (tissues, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes etc.). We will develop a drop-off system at a later date for you to bring those supplies to school and get them delivered to your child's teacher.

The first day in class will be spent ensuring students have an understanding of all the new safety rules and procedures for movement throughout the building. Students will begin moving through their daily instructional schedule and specials rotations on Tuesday. As of now, students will eat lunch in their classrooms. They will be allowed to walk to the cafeteria and get their lunch and return to class. If students elect to bring their lunch, they will remain in the classroom to eat lunch in a socially distanced environment. When and where space is feasible, teachers will have the flexibility to take their kids outside to eat lunch. Recess is scheduled every day for students and mask less breaks will be allowed during this time.

We want to make this the best year yet and communication is vitally important. Your first point of contact for all things Pearsonstown is your child's teacher. Please don't hesitate to reach out for any needs you or your child has. The expectation is that my staff is responsive to your questions and they get back to you in a timely manner.

Those are all the announcements for this evening...thank you and remember...You Just Can't Hide that Pearisontown Pride...Everyone, continue to #BeBrilliant and have a restful evening!!