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**HURFFVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**OUR MOTTO: TOUCHING
THE FUTURE EVERYDAY**

2020-2021 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

We are very excited to have our students who will be receiving hybrid instruction return to Hurffville next week. As we prepare for their return, there are several new procedures in place that we would like to share.

- The Hybrid Model will begin on Monday, September 28, 2020. Students in Cohort A will begin **Monday, September 28th** , and students in Cohort B will begin **Thursday, October 1st** .
- All students who are in **Cohort A and B** must have the COVID- 19 Pledge Form completed in Unified Classroom **before** attending school.
- During hybrid instruction, the school day will begin at **9:30 a.m.**
- Car Riders will be staggered in dismissal. Students whose last names begin with A-L will be dismissed at **1:20 p.m.**, students whose last name begins with M-Z will be dismissed at **1:25 p.m.**, and Kids Choice and bus students at **1:30 p.m.**
- Bus passes and information have been emailed to parents this week. If you have not received bus pass information, please contact the main office.
- Students that need to be picked up early must be picked up no later than 1:00 p.m. If you must pick up your child early, please contact the main office and your child will be escorted out of the main office.

Please remember upon returning to school all students and staff will be following all required safety guidelines. This includes wearing face masks, maintaining social distance and washing their hands regularly while at school.

Individual Snacks

Each day your child will have an opportunity to have snack. We request that you send a small snack and water from home. Children will be encouraged to bring in water bottles daily as the water fountains will not be available for use by the students and staff. Please send only one kind of healthy snack food per day. We encourage you to pack all snacks in disposable containers or brown paper bags so that students are not bringing containers back and forth to school. If utensils are needed, please be sure they are disposable. As a reminder, please keep us up to date on any food allergy restrictions your child may have. Handwashing and clean up procedures will be reviewed and practiced daily during snack time.



Snack Ideas Include: pretzels, fresh fruit (ready to eat), canned fruit in individual cans, rice cakes, crackers, fresh veggies (ready to eat), cheese cubes or string

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- For safety purposes we will not be able to have our typical first day of school gatherings in front of Hurffville.
- Students will enter the building upon arrival and will be escorted by a staff member to their classrooms.
- Buses will begin arriving in the parking lot at 9:20 a.m., and parents driving students to school should plan to arrive between 9:20 and 9:25 a.m.
- Once inside, students will follow directional arrows and maintain six feet of distance as they proceed to their classrooms.
- So that staff can assist students in primary grades, please print the name of your child, grade, and teacher on an index card in case they forget who their teachers in on the first day.
- Please take first day photos at home prior to coming to school. There will not be an opportunity to do so once you have dropped your child off at school.
- For the safety of all, no visitors will be allowed to enter the building.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH INFORMATION

Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students who are interested. Meals will be distributed at the end of the day for students in cohorts A, B, and C. Meals will not be eaten at school nor can they be eaten on the bus, should the student take the bus home. Cohort A and C students will take home 2 days of meals on Mondays and 3 days of meals on Tuesday. Cohort B will take home 2 days of meals on Thursday and 3 days of meals on Friday. Cohort D students/parents can pick up meals on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at any kitchen in the district.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES:

Morning Drop-off- When dropping your child off at school, please follow the drop off arrows in the picture down below. Please enter the parking lot from Hurffville- Grenloch Rd. Please stay to the left of the buses parked in the bus loop. Follow the loop around and stay to the lane closest to Hurffville- Cross Keys Rd. Staff members assigned to bus duty will guide you in the parking lot. Simply pull up to the drop off area along the sidewalk and stop at the crosswalk to let your child out of the car. Once your child is dropped off, follow the directional pattern. Buses will use the indicated bus lane and park in the designated spots alongside of the school. **Please use extreme caution and patience when entering the parking lot.** After 9:30 a.m. you will need to sign your child in to school. When you arrive at the front doors, please call the main office. A staff member will meet you at the front door, ask you to sign the arrival book, and will guide your them to class.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

Dismissal- If you are picking up your child, please park in the spots closest to the parking lot exit. We will be staggering our dismissal and calling car riding students with the last names that begin with A-L at 1:20 p.m. and then M-Z at 1:25 p.m. Please remain in your cars or practice six feet of social distancing when waiting for your child to be dismissed.

Departing Bus Students: : Assigned staff members will supervise departing bus students. If there is a change in your child's bus routine (i.e. child not riding the bus home from school), **you must use the Hurffville Elementary School Dismissal Form and submit it to the office.** Riding a different bus home with another student is prohibited. **If no written notification is received, your child will be placed on the bus.**

Picking up Students Early: If you are picking your child up from school early, please use the Hurffville Elementary School Dismissal Form* and submit it to the main office. Please inform your child's teachers if picking up early or if another person is picking up your child. The person picking up your child must ring the doorbell for the main office to let them know that you are here. Next you will need to sign out your child using the sign out book. A staff member will escort your child to the front doors.

PLEASE drive slowly and use extreme caution when entering and exiting the parking lot. Thank you!!

Hurffville Parking Lot



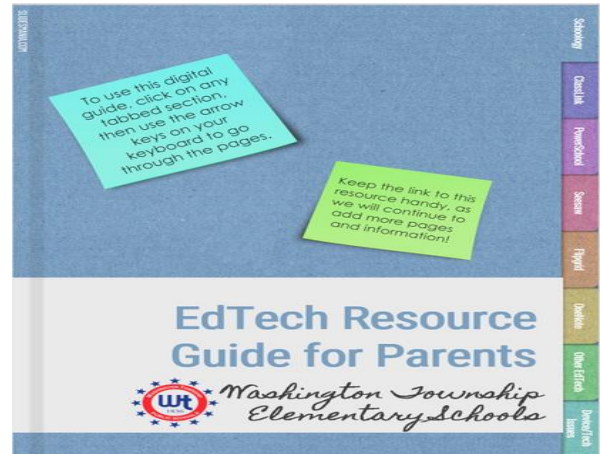
Buses will continue to park along the fire lane as they have done in the past. **ONLY BUSES MAY PARK HERE. These spaces are not for private vehicles.** Buses will be arriving at the same time as private vehicles. Please follow directions from staff members who are assigned to guide vehicles and buses. If parking, you may use the areas along the back fence. Adhere to parking lot arrows. Buses will pass along the bus lane.

[Additional Parent Resources and Reminders](#)

[LAPTOPS AND IPADS](#)

If your student(s) are planning on attending hybrid instruction days, **please send them with their district issued devices fully charged so that they may participate in all the day's lessons.**

Let's be honest... Technology can feel overwhelming at times. We're fortunate that we have the resources in Washington Twp. To leverage technology as a way to make learning happen anywhere, at any time, and in any place. But we've all had to work toward mastering new and sometimes confusing tools along the way. Our district's talented Technology Integration Specialists have put together some fantastic resources to help us help our kids! It's a one-stop shop for information about how to support your student's use of programs like **Schoology**, **ClassLink**, **Seesaw**, **FlipGrid**, and **PowerSchool**! Be sure to bookmark this EdTech Resource Guide for Parents [EdTech Help](#)



Families in need of tech support during remote learning are asked to please submit your request, including your child's name, PIN/ID number (if available), and the issue to studenthelp@wtps.org.

Families looking for Schoology support can visit: [Schoology](#)

Learning from home is definitely different than learning at school. It requires students, families, and teachers to work together to overcome challenges and make instruction happen. Please check out these helpful tips for establishing virtual meeting etiquette with your child at home. [Virtual Meeting Etiquette](#)

[LIBRARY BOOKS](#)

The library media specialists are working on a plan to get books into our students' hands this year. In order to take out a book from the library students will need to have returned all outstanding library books. If you have a Birches School Library book that has not been returned, please return with your son or daughter or drop off to Birches School.

FORMS

Please make sure to complete all required forms in Unified Classroom for the start of the 2020-21 school year. They include the Health Information, Health Authorization and Student Contacts forms.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



HURFFVILE PTO MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining the Hurffville Parent Teacher Organization. This will be a one-of-a-kind year and it will take all families participating and volunteering to help make it special for all students. Please consider joining. Additional information will follow.



STUDENT MATERIALS PICK UP

Any materials that students will need from school will be distributed to our remote students on Wednesday, Sept. 30th throughout the day and Thursday, Oct. 1st from 2-4 pm. A schedule will be forthcoming with each classroom's pick-up time.

Remote Wednesdays

Remote Wednesdays are one of the are one of the key features of our Hybrid Schedule. The link below is a guide that will guide you though what Wednesday learning will look like this year.

REMOTE WEDNESDAYS

Our WTPS Cohort Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year is a great resource to help families plan for holidays and confirm which days students are in person versus remote.

WTPS COHORT CALENDAR