

August 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Harper Creek Middle School. We are looking forward to everyone being back in the building every day this year. One thing we learned over the past year is how important in-person learning is to students and staff!

Harper Creek Middle School will continue to have grade level teaching teams. Teaming allows teachers and staff to focus on individual student learning. In 6th through 8th grades, teams consist of four core teachers. During the 5th grade transition year, teams consist of two core teachers. For additional information, please plan to attend a 5th grade parent meeting at the start of Meet the Teacher Night on **August 18 at 6:00pm** in the middle school auditorium.

We will continue our W.E.B. Program for incoming 5th grade students. W.E.B is part of The Boomerang Project. 8th Grade W.E.B. Leaders serve as mentors and help with the three fundamental transition needs: Safety, Information, and Connection. We want all our students to feel connected to the Harper Creek Middle School family. So, if you have an incoming 5th grader, please make sure you pay close attention to W.E.B. information emails that will be sent the week of August 16. Save the Date: **5th grade Orientation day on August 20, 2021 8AM-12PM**.

Harper Creek Middle School Staff understands that it will take some time and extra effort to get back in the routine of school. We are going to patiently work very hard to ensure that all students are at grade level by the end of the school year. We hope your child is up to the challenge as well!

The first day of school will be **Monday, August 23**, a full day starting at 7:40 AM and dismissing at 2:40 PM. Please see the other side of this letter for drop off information and details.

If a student needs medication of any kind, even cough drops or topical cream, a form needs to be completed. **All medications must be brought to the office by an adult. Students may not bring medications to school.**

Enclosed is a free and reduced lunch application. We encourage everyone to fill out this form, even if you don't think you may qualify or plan to use the services. Some school funds are dependent upon our qualifying numbers. School supply lists are on the HCMS website.

Harper Creek Middle School Meet the Teacher Event
Wednesday
August 18 6:00PM-8:00PM

(Due to the large number of people in the building at this event, we encourage everyone to wear masks - regardless of vaccination status)

Mrs. Kim Thayer, Principal

Mr. Jason O'Farrell, Vice-Principal

