



HOWARD HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Hello Hornet Family!

We want to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer. It is with great excitement that we greet you and share this important information! We know that you are excited too, and probably have a lot of questions about procedures. Please know that we are prepared to give our students the best quality education possible and we will follow all safety protocols.

Our school theme this year is Level Up! We are committed to the growth of our students and will be tracking their progress to celebrate the gains they are destined to make. So we want to thank you in advance for the partnership and all the support you will give this year. Please review this letter and mark your calendars. Additional information will be provided by your child's teacher.

Your child's teacher assignment:

Virtual Open House

Open house will be virtual this year. Please see the details for the meet and greet sessions.

KINDERGARTEN ONLY

- We will host a virtual kindergarten meet and greet for all students on Thursday, August 19, from 4:30-6:30pm. This will be a time to log on and meet the kindergarten teaching staff.

- The teachers will introduce themselves and share something with the students. 5-7 students will be randomly picked to share as well. All students should bring something special to them to hold up to the screen for all to see. This is not a Q&A. This is strictly a get to know us event.
- All kindergarten parents will find the link to the virtual meet and greet on our website on Friday, August 13.
- The official, face to face, open house for kindergarten is not until Friday, August 27.
- All Kindergarten students will participate in Staggered Entry.
- Incoming Kindergarten students will attend one day (either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) during the first week of school.
- A parent will enter the school and report to the cafeteria on the morning their child is assigned for Staggered Entry. Parents will sign in and complete an emergency contact form prior to the child entering a classroom. (The intake process may take a parent 15 minutes) The front school doors will open for kindergarten parents beginning at 7:15. All parents should arrive prior to 7:45. Kindergarten parents are asked to arrive for pick up at the school between 1:50 and 2:05 on their staggered entry day.
- Students will not be assigned a teacher of record for the opening week of school.
- Students will be divided into smaller groups and placed in classrooms upon arrival.
- Kindergarten teachers will use the staggered schedule to begin initial entry assessments.
- Parents/families will be notified of teacher assignments via phone call / email prior to Open House for kindergarten which is on Friday, August 26. The teacher will schedule your time slot.
- The expectation of Friday's Open House/Meet and Greet is for families to have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and receive any pertinent information regarding the upcoming school year. Students will not remain at school on this day.

		Monday 8/23	Tuesday 8/24	Wednesday 8/25	Thursday 8/26	Friday 8/27
Kindergarten students in Spanish classes	Grouped by last name	A-G	H-L	M-R	S-Z	Open House by appointment
Kindergarten students in English classes	Grouped by last name	A-E	F-J	K-R	S-Z	Open House by appointment

All Kindergarten Students report: Monday, August 30, 2021. Students arrive between 7:15 and 7:45. Dismissal is at 2:25.

OPEN HOUSE FOR 1st-5th GRADES

We are hosting two open house dates for parents to meet one on one with the families assigned to them. You will be able to sign up for a 15 minutes time slot with the teacher. On Friday, August 13, you will can go to our school website and find the links to sign up. The two days are Tuesday, August 17 from 8:30-11:40 or 1:30-3:40 and Thursday, August 19 from 4:30-6:30.

All teachers will have a welcome video and flipbook posted on our website with all the information for their class available for those who are unable to attend, have additional questions or just need a reference to look back on. This information will be found on our school website on Friday, August 13th. **You will also be able to click on the 2021-22 Student/Parent Handbook for a comprehensive look into guidelines for the year.** If you are having trouble logging in, please call the school for assistance.

Uniforms and Dress Code

We will not be wearing uniforms this year however there is still a dress code for all students. Please see the attachment for those details. Thank you!

PTA Open House

The PTA will be available virtually on Thursday, August 19 from 4:30-6:30 to answer any questions you have, sign you up for a membership, sign you up for volunteering opportunities, and assist you in purchasing spirit wear.

Daily Schedule

Please visit our school website to view our school schedule. The initials on the left are those of the teachers. Please review it and be prepared to ask questions about the schedule during open house with your child's teacher. There you will receive a more detailed description of what your child will be engaged in during the day. Spanish Immersion students have a slightly different schedule. The times are the same but different subjects may be taught during that time due to the incorporation of the English block in grades 2-5.

Visitors

At this time non-essential visitors are prohibited inside the building. It is our hope that you understand this guidance as we are doing everything we can to safeguard our students and staff. We do however, welcome you to come to the front of the school for any needs you may have.

Medication Sign In

We are looking to have all medication signed in prior to the first day of school. Please bring all medication and the proper documentation to the front office between August 11 and 19. Our front office staff will be ready to assist you. If you have questions about forms, please call us.

Lunch and Recess

The lunch schedule is inside the master schedule. All classes will eat in their classrooms this year to begin. Our cafeteria is not large enough to keep all students 6 feet or 3 feet apart at all times during lunch. Our model will be much like last year where students made their order for lunch in the morning. The cafeteria staff prepared the meals and sealed them up. Lunches were transported on carts to the classrooms at their designated time. Students will remove their masks and eat at their desks.

Recess will be outside. We will give the official and most up to date guidance about mask wearing outside prior to the start of school as this may change.

Prime Time

Howard Hall is a Prime Time site this year serving morning and afternoon. 6:30am open in the morning and 6:00pm close in the afternoon. If you are interested in signing your child up please call the Prime Time office at (910) 678-2451.

Supply List

The supply list was mailed home with report cards at the end of last school year. It is also located on our school website and we have included a copy with this letter. Your child's teacher will speak with you about these items and their purpose.

Chromebook Deployment

CCS is now a one to one county. This means that every student will be issued a school chrome book. It is imperative that all students have this device in the event of inclement weather. On those days, school will not be canceled but it will be held virtually. Students will need their chrome books for classwork as well. All chrome books must be distributed to students no later than September 3. Please be on the lookout for students bringing these devices home. It is key that we take care of them to the best of our ability.

If you are still in possession of a chrome book or hot spot from last year, we ask that you bring it back ASAP so it can be updated for this year.

House System

Our school will continue with the House System in conjunction with our PBIS program. All new students will be sorted into a house in their classrooms. Houses are only picked once so whichever house your child picked originally will remain their house until they leave our school.

The 4 houses are Fidelis: representing trustworthiness, Fervor: representing enthusiasm, Amicus: representing kindness and Magnus: representing greatness. Every student will learn about our rules and expectations, the house system and what each house represents. Students will be taught character education and the importance and values of team work and community building. We will also focus on SEL (social emotional learning) through the implementation of these 2 systems so students feel connected and loved.

Students will still earn their individual points for positive behavior but will also earn points for their house simultaneously. The houses will compete each quarter in a race to earn the most points. Parents will have opportunities to earn points for their child's house. We will have virtual house lunches this year so students can get to know their house members. Our goal is to incorporate mentoring and reduce bullying, to provide a sense of community and team work and encourage school pride.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child participated in the July Summer Reading Challenge, please email their log to Angela Scoot or bring it to the front office no later than August 10. We will go live on our Facebook page at 11:00am on Friday, August 13 to announce the three winners of the Walmart gift cards. We are so proud of all of you!

Parent Focus Group

We will be hosting a virtual Parent Focus Group on Monday, August 16 at 11:00am. The event should last about one hour. We want to hear your thoughts on the opening of school and other school related topics. If you volunteer to be on the panel, you will join and have your camera and microphone on. There will be a moderator who will conduct the event by asking specific questions. Each parent will have the opportunity to share their thoughts. Teachers and staff have been invited to the event but only as spectators who will have their cameras off and microphones muted. Your thoughts as our partners and

stakeholders are important to us and we value them. If you are interested in being on the Parent Focus Group, please call the front office to sign up. (910) 822-5100. We will need your email to confirm your attendance. We are looking for a minimum of 15 parents and a maximum of no more than 20. Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Dates/Mark your calendars

August 23- First Day of School	August 27- First Practice Fire Drill
Sept. 6- No School Labor Day	Sept. 8- 3 rd Grade Beginning of Grade Test
Sept. 9- Freddy’s Fundraiser Night 4:30-8:30	Sept. 21- Parent Teacher Conferences begin
Sept. 23- Curriculum/RTA/PTA Night 6:00pm	Sept 24.- College and Career Day
Sept. 27- School Improvement Team Mtg. 3:00pm	Oct. 1- Parent Teacher Conferences End
October 15- End of First Quarter	October 18- Teacher Workday
October 22- College and Career Day	October 25- School Improvement Team Mtg. 3:00
October 26- K-2 Awards Day	October 27- 3-5 Awards Day

Yours in education,

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