



Hope Township School

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2021-2022 WELCOME BACK to SCHOOL LETTER

August 20, 2021

Dear Hope School Families,

As we prepare for the start of the 2021-2022 school year I would like to share some information that I hope you will find helpful. Please visit our school web page for the most current and up to date information at www.hope-elem.org. You can find our school calendar, bell schedule (8:30-3:02) as we will have full days this school year, staff contact information, quick links, news and announcements and access to our school Facebook page. Please do not hesitate to reach out directly to your child’s educators for any academic programing inquiries that you may have.

- *Our first day of school for students will be on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.*
- *Friday, September 3rd is a planned 1:00 dismissal.*
- *School will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.*
- *Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th. Much more information to follow in regards to this being an in person event or virtual for parents.*

Our custodial team has been very busy this summer. They have done an amazing job getting our building ready for the start of school.

Thank you to our office staff that includes Mrs. DeYong and Mrs. Watters for everything that they do including preparing packets with all of the information that you are provided with for your child and their classes over the course of the school year.

Thank you to Mrs. Huff our school business administrator as she continues to work above and beyond keeping the fiscal integrity of our district in check. We have been able to secure numerous grants that have been used to obtain valuable resources for our staff and students along with improving our building and grounds.

Thank you to Mrs. Martino our technology coordinator for making sure that our classroom technology and student Chromebooks have been updated and are ready to go.

Building and Grounds Upgrades

- New classroom doors, frames and select hallway and stairway doors improved, painted and added as necessary.
- Energy efficient interior and exterior lights
- Fresh coat of paint on the exterior of the building
- School marquee updated with current information and upcoming events



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- Wishing Tree (Thank you to the PTA, BOE and Hope Education Association)
- 6 new picnic tables/bench sets located between the upper lot and basketball court (Thank you PTA)
- New plants/shrubs around the marquee and sign by the main office entrance (prior to September)
- Improved curb appeal of the hill on Great Meadows Rd. and Johnsonburg Rd. (prior to September)

I would like to officially welcome the following staff members to our school district:

Mr. Joe Carlson jcarlson@hope-elem.org as our head custodian/facilities manager.

Ms. Rose Wolthoff rwolthoff@hope-elem.org as our music teacher

Ms. Alejandra Contreras acontreras@hope-elem.org as our Spanish/World Language/ESL teacher

Mrs. Alyssa Adamsky aadamsky@hope-elem.org as a special education paraprofessional

K-8 Drop Off (8:30am-8:39am)

K-8 Pick Up (3:03-3:08pm)

Pre-K Drop Off (8:55am)

Pre-K Pick Up (11:55am)

When students are driven to school by a parent/guardian please park your vehicle in one of the spots in the lower parking lot and safely walk them to the side gym drop off door where they will be met by a staff member.

For pick up, students will be released to their parent/guardian at the side gym door after a staff member verifies your name on the approved pick up list. *Please have a form of ID available especially during the first week of school.*

Elementary and middle school handbooks and code of conduct: Please thoroughly review the handbook that relates to your child (PK-5 & Middle School) that is posted on our school website www.hope-elem.org under the "Resources" - "Parent-Student Resources" tab.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at: knewman@hope-elem.org.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Newman".

Kevin Newman
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