

Hallsville Elementary School
September 2018 Newsletter

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The staff and I are very excited about the start of school and are truly happy to see everyone back from summer break, along with new faces. I look forward to the year as we continue to create the school-family partnership that makes Hallsville School such a wonderful learning environment where your child will grow academically, as well as socially.

This year we are starting school with approximately 280 students. We have added a few new members to the Hallsville Family. Please welcome them.

School Nurse, Mrs. Beth Flanders
Special Ed Teacher, Marissa Beaulieu
Phys Ed Teacher, Molly McGilvray
Speech, Wendy Cantillon
Cafeteria, Eugenia Kupisz

Please read the following closely as there is a lot of important "beginning of school" information.

Things to Remember: (Very Important)

Open House: There will be an Open House on Thursday, September 27th (6 -7 p.m.)

Arrival: **This will begin the second week of school, Wednesday, September 10th** The doors will be open @ 8:15 a.m. for breakfast only. Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:15 a.m. for his/her safety as there is no supervision. If your child does not get breakfast, please drop him/her off no earlier than 8:30 a.m. The doors open @ 8:30 a.m for those students not getting breakfast. To ensure the safety of all children, no cars are permitted in the playground, except for staff. This will provide more parking for parents.

Parent Email Address: **Please provide your email address to the emergency contact sheet that will go home the first day of school. Hallsville is attempting to go paperless. I will be sending out Principal newsletters, reminders of upcoming events, etc. through email. This will allow you to have access to this information at all times and will save on paper at the school. If you do not have an email account, please consider creating one. We will also provide paper versions to families that do not have an email account. This change will be easier for you to access school information quickly and eliminate "my child did not bring that paper home" problem.**

Tardy/Absent: As we all adjust to getting back into the routine of school, please remember that getting to school on time is very, very important to the success of your child. Starting off the day right allows him/her to be fully present for learning and growth. **If your child arrives after 8:45 a.m., he/she is tardy. Please walk your child into the office to sign him/her in.**

***If your child will be absent, please call 624-6332, dial ext. 10, before 7:45 a.m.. State your child's full name, teacher's name, and reason for absence. You may call at anytime before 7:45 a.m. as it will go directly to voicemail.

Dismissal: Dismissal is at 2:50 p.m. The safety of each and every child is our greatest priority. To ensure the safety of all children, no cars are permitted in the bus lane in front of the school during 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Please

refrain from picking up your child in the office 5-10 minutes early. The children will be walked out the front doors by their teacher @ 2:50 p.m. The teacher will walk all students in grades 1-5 to a designated area on the playground before dismissing them to a parent/guardian. Eye contact must be made. Grade K will be dismissed @ 2:45 p.m. at the gym playground doors.

Visitors: All visitors must enter through the main doors on Jewett Street and check in at the office. (Please press the small silver button on the white box to the right of the main doors to be let in).

Emergency Contact Information: It is imperative that your child's Emergency Contact and dismissal information are accurate and up-to-date throughout the school year. Please notify the school, in writing, for any of the following changes: job, phone numbers, address, or emergency contact people. It is very important to your child's safety that this information is updated when changes occur. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on school property during school hours for the safety of all children. This is a district policy for all dogs regardless of size of dog. This does not include service dogs.

Change of dismissal: For the safety of your child, please do not call the office during the day to change the way your child is going home. It is extremely important to write a note and send it to school in the morning with your child. It is imperative that you adhere to this procedure so your child gets home safely. Please send a note in and not call the office when there is a change in dismissal. If you must call during the day, please do so **before 2 p.m.** This will allow Mrs. Brennan enough time to contact teacher and adjust rosters.

City Year: Hallsville has one City Year Americorp member in each grade 3-5 classroom. Hallsville is lucky and excited to have City Year members again this school year. The members are outstanding individuals who are eager to support every child in their assigned classroom. Thank you City Year!

School Picture Day: We have scheduled Tuesday, September 25, 2018, for School Picture Day. **Please do not dress your child in green that day.** Every child will be photographed so we will have an updated picture for his/her school records. Classroom group pictures will be taken. An envelope will come home next week.

School Fundraiser Kick off: September 21st. *An envelope will come home on this day.

PTG Meeting: Tuesday evening, September 18, 6:30-7:30

SchoolMessenger: To make sure you are receiving Manchester School District notifications in ways that work best for you please go to the Manchester School District website. (www.mansd.org) to create an SchoolMessenger app account to set notification preferences. At the top there is a link called, "Create a SchoolMessenger app account to set notification preferences". Sign up for the FREE SchoolMessenger App to set your communication preferences to receive calls, emails, and/or text messages. You decide what way works best for you. You will receive district notifications throughout the school year. PLEASE KNOW, you must have an email account that matches with the email account you provide on the Emergency Contact sheet you received on the first day of school. Please be sure to complete the email section of the sheet.

Again, welcome to the 2018-19 school year. As always, my door is open if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mr. MacDonald, Principal

Mrs. Auger, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Allaire, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Brennan, Secretary

