

Parkside Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are enjoying your last few days of August before school starts. We have been working hard all summer to plan how to safely open school during this Covid-19 pandemic. You have received information from the district explaining the hybrid alternating day model and a calendar for the first four weeks. We will be reaching out to you often these next few weeks with specific information for Parkside Elementary.

We will not be able to have our traditional Back to School night. We will hold a virtual Back to School night this year. Teachers and staff will create digital presentations which you may access on our website under Parents & Students beginning August 20th. We will not be posting class lists on our doors, instead we will mail every student a letter from their teacher to notify you of your child's class placement. Letters will be mailed August 17th and you will be able to access that information using your MyDSD guardian account on August 18th. If you don't have a MyDSD guardian account, please reference our Parkside Webpage under the parents & students tab where you will find a video with step by step instructions. We also encourage families to apply for free and reduced lunch.

Parents and students are invited to attend an Open House Meet-N-Greet on August 24th -- we will be wearing masks and hope that you will as well. We will be holding this outside and teachers will be located at the spot students will line up on the first day of school and thereafter. Families will be given assigned times to attend by the last name of the oldest child as follows:

A-G 4:30-5:00

H-N 5:15-5:45

O-Z 6:00-6:30

We hope this will aid in reducing student anxiety about returning to school while maintaining appropriate physical distancing guidelines. On the first days of school we will be following our strict visitor policy and parents will not be invited in the building to walk students to class.

We currently have positions available on our Parkside Community Council. We typically meet 4-5 times a year. If you are interested, please leave your name in the office and we will contact you to give you more information.

You will find Parkside's plan for the reopening of school on the hybrid schedule and map attached to this email as well under the COVID-19 tab of our website under the parent and students tab. If major changes occur to this plan, we will notify you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions, concerns or ideas. We value your input and together we can make this school year an effective educational experience for all students.

Mrs. Carmony