

Dear Hammond Families,

I hope everyone had a great summer and that you're ready for a fantastic school year! We are so excited to welcome your children back to our building in person, five days a week! When students return in September of this year, they will notice some improvements to our offices, intercom system, new portables, a new roof, and an added vestibule to welcome families.

We are looking forward to a school year that feels a bit more "normal," although the world still looks and feels quite different these days. As you have likely heard, face coverings will continue to be required indoors for all students, staff, and visitors per a government mandate. We will continue to follow other safety protocols, including physical distancing, handwashing and sanitization, and frequent cleaning.

We would like to invite you to our Open House event on Tuesday, September 7, from 5-6 pm. Parents of incoming kindergarteners are invited to attend our Open House event as well. This event is a great opportunity for students in all grades to bring school supplies and meet their teachers. The school supply list can be found on Hammond's school website. Families will be able to visit your student classroom using the outside doors, this will help us to continue with our safety protocol.

There is a slight change to our bell times this school year, 8:45-3:15 pm. Students may arrive at 8:15 am for breakfast, but please remember that there will not be supervision before that time. Doors open at 8:30 am for all students to enter the building. The late start will occur every Wednesday and students will begin their school day at 9:45 am with breakfast being served at 9:20 am.

If you are in need of before or after school care, you may consider contacting the Salem Child Development Center, who contracts with the school district to provide care on-site before and after school. All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch again this year. Arrival and dismissal procedures will be very similar to what they were last school year.

Important dates:

Activity	Date	Time
Open House (All students)	September 7, 2021	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
First day of school for 1-5 graders	September 8, 2021	Late start 9:45
Kinder A -L Last name will be able to visit their classroom. This will help students to know their teacher and know the routines.	September 13, 2021	8:45-3:15
Kinder M-Z Last name will be able to visit their classroom. This will help students to know their teacher and know the routines.	September 14, 2021	8:45-3:15
First day for Kindergarteners	September 15, 2021	9:45-3:15
Picture day		Schedule by teachers
	September 22, 2021	We will send schedule for EDGE students

Looking forward to seeing you!

Warmly,

Teresa Alfaro