

# HACKLER

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT DR. JAKE LONG

Hackler Families,

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, parents, and community members for getting this year off to a great start for our students. There are now cases of COVID-19 within our district, but I truly believe that we would have many more if it wasn't for our practices of wearing masks and social distancing. Please continue to wear masks anytime when you're around people who do not live with you. Please keep as much distance as possible between yourselves. I know this is challenging, but it is a critical part of us being able to keep school open. Thank you for your partnership and support.

Dr. Long

### *Important Information*

*Tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., please drive around to the front of the school and walk your child into the foyer to sign them in. Each student will have their temperature taken before proceeding to class. Parents/Guardians should not leave until after the temperature has been taken.*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

**NO SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020  
LABOR DAY**

### **Morning drop off and Afternoon pickup:**

**All students will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to go to class. Please do not leave until your child has been screened.**

**Students can be dropped off beginning at 6:30 a.m. Please drop off at the 3rd grade door ONLY.**

**With that in mind, if you are dropping your child off before 7:30, no matter what grade they are in, please drop them off at the 3rd grade door in the 3rd & 4th grade car line area. We have a staff member to watch them until the 7:30 bell rings.**

**Please do not drop students off in 5th grade car line before 7:30. No staff member is there to take their temperature, and that is a safety issue.**

**We are working on car pickup signs and will be delivering them as soon as they are completed. After you receive a laminated sign with your student's name, please display the sign on your rearview mirror when you pick your child up after school.**

# Tips for talking to children about COVID-19



- Remain calm. Remember that children will react to both what you say and how you say it. They will pick up cues from the conversations you have with them and with others.
- [Reassure children](#) that they are safe. Let them know it is okay if they feel upset. Share with them how you deal with your own stress so that they can learn how to cope from you.
- Make yourself available to listen and to talk. Let children know they can come to you when they have questions.
- Avoid language that might blame others and [lead to stigma](#).
- Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio, or online. Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.
- [Provide information that is truthful and appropriate](#) for the age and developmental level of the child. Talk to children about how some stories on COVID-19 on the Internet and social media may be based on rumors and inaccurate information. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.
- [Teach children everyday actions](#) to reduce the spread of germs. Remind children to wash their hands frequently and stay away from people who are coughing or sneezing or sick. Also, remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tissue into the trash.
- If school is open, discuss any new actions that may be taken at school to help [protect children and school staff](#).