

August 2024



Dear Y5 and Kindergarten Parents,

The adventure begins! What an exciting time for your family. By now, you should have received a mailer inviting you and your child to our **Y5/Kindergarten Jumpstart on Tuesday, August 13th, anytime between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. at Holly Elementary School** (801 East Maple Street). The purpose of Jumpstart is to meet some of our teachers and have your child engage in brief assessments of their learning and development. Attending this event helps us get to know your child and to establish classroom placements ensuring the best learning environment for our students.

Each year, parents must complete the Skyward Online Verification process. This very important step-by-step online verification process will allow you to receive building communications, verify student emergency contact information, access and review the school handbook, create food service applications, and review other important back to school information. To complete Skyward verification, go to the HAS District web page at <http://www.hask12.org>. Simply click on the "Community/Parents" tab on the screen, and then click the "Skyward Family Access" link to get started. If you do not have your Skyward account login information, you can request it by sending an email to: family.access@hask12.org, or by contacting the building. This process must be completed for each child. Computers will be available at our Meet and Greet event for parents who would like assistance.

Our **Teacher Meet and Greet is on Wednesday, August 21st from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** After completing the Skyward Online Verification process highlighted above, each family will receive their child's classroom placement in Skyward on Tuesday, August 20th. The Meet and Greet is an informal drop-in event where parents and children can meet classroom teachers and see the school. Come anytime between 5:00 and 6:30. We look forward to meeting you!

For the first day of school, **Monday, August 26th**, we have designed **Kindergarten and Young Five parent/child visitation sessions**. In order to give everyone ample time we ask that those with the last names that begin with **A-M** meet from **9:00-10:00**. Those with last names beginning with **N-Z** meet from **10:15-11:15**. This is an opportunity for you and your child to formally meet with your teacher, tour the school, and spend an hour as an official Kindergartener, to ease those first day jitters. Due to space constraints in classrooms, we ask that only parents accompany their children on this visitation day.

When you arrive with your child for **Visitation Day on August 26th**, you will park in our front parking lot. Please enter through the front door of the building and sign in. There will be staff members and signs to direct you to the classroom. We ask that you bring only your Y5/Kindergarten child to the visitation. If you have children in other grades, they will have a normal half day of school, 8:30 am -12:00 pm.

We will continue to communicate school events and newsletters through Skyward, Facebook, the Holly Elementary Webpage, our school sign, and the parent phone and email addresses listed in Skyward. Look for upcoming information on our Holly Elementary Parents PTO organization. This is a great way to get involved in your child's education.

On behalf of our staff, we welcome you to Holly Elementary. We are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and dynamic learning environment for your children. Our office hours prior to the start of school are from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Once school begins, the office will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Please do not hesitate to call 248-328-3600 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Aimee Schwartz
Principal

