August 12, 2021

Dear Parents of Charles Mooney PK-8 School:

Welcome Back! On Monday, August 23, 2021, we will begin the 2021-2022 School Year full in-person for five days a week for all students in Grades 1-8. PreSchool and Kindergarten will have staggered start. We want to inform you how the day will look for your child when they return. Our new school hours will be 7:35am – 2:05pm. Doors open at 7:30am for breakfast. Tardy passes will be given on the first floor until 8:05am.

All students will enter the front door on Montclair Avenue. Students must maintain 3 feet distance between students and staff must wear a face mask inside the building. While we ask parents to complete a health assessment at home prior to sending your child to school, we will also take your child’s temperature when they enter the building. Upon entering the building, children will have their backpacks scanned for our safety. Students will then receive a grab ‘n go breakfast and proceed to their classrooms. Students will utilize lockers this year and will receive and use a school lock to secure their belongings, including cell phones and backpacks. We will have staff members on site to greet and guide your students as they enter the building.

During the first few days of school, our staff will review and practice new COVID guidelines that include walking halls, using bathrooms, eating lunch, learning and playing at recess. We have created PBIS Ready to LEARN Together expectations for all those areas. In addition, staff will also address Social Emotional Learning every day during classroom meetings. Students will remain in the classrooms, other than supervised trips to the bathroom, to specials, and to lunch and/or recess, to maintain safe and healthy environment. Some classrooms will eat in their rooms while other classrooms will eat the cafeteria. We are offering an Alternative to Lunch and Recess which allows teachers to assist with lunch and recess activities in order to maintain COVID protocols.

Our office will be closed from 7:25-8:05am for morning arrival and from 12:00-12:30pm daily for lunch and sanitization. Our nurse will be on site 5 days a week. Students will adhere to the new District Dress Code Expectations, which is found in the link provided as well as in the Student Code of Conduct.

Dismissal will be staggered as indicated. Teachers will let you know what doors your child will be dismissed:

**Staggered Dismissals – 1:50pm – Grades PK-2, 1:55pm – Bus/Van Riders & Grades 3-5, 1:57pm – 9th Period students, 2:00pm – Grades 6-8**

Students in grades 6-8 will be offered a 9th period for additional PE related activities, band and choir, and art clubs. More information to follow on our Encore Expansion. We will continue with weekly Town Hall Celebrations and various incentives for attendance, PBIS and being Marvelous and Magnificent Mustangs this year!

All parents will receive access to Schoology so that they can locate student assignments, attendance and grades as well as communicate with the teacher as we integrate Blended Learning into our classrooms, blending face to face instruction with digital learning! Our school will also focus on the following areas: Social and Cross -Cultural Empathy and Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. The Mooney Staff is excited to begin a new school year!

If your child will be absent, please contact the main office @ 216-838-3200. If your child is absent and you do not call, then a staff member will contact you.

Yours in Education,

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