



Hofstetter Elementary School: Success for Every Student.
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Dear Hofstetter Families,

2020 continues to provide many challenges and opportunities! Our staff wants to thank our families and students for their patience, resiliency and support. We are in this together!

By now you should have been contacted by your classroom teacher to confirm your status as either a M, W every other Friday, Cohort A student; OR T, TH every other Friday, Cohort B student. Please see the enclosed calendar that highlights the specific dates your student will attend classes through Winter break. If you have any questions please call us at 684-7690.

Please find the **enclosed school calendar** that highlights which days your child will attend school. If you have any questions please call to confirm days.

Hofstetter is ready to provide in person instruction in our new hybrid model and we will deliver high quality instruction to meet each student where he or she is. We will adapt and change our practices to accommodate for the intervention a large portion of our students need in order to return to grade level mastery in reading and math. Our mission is *Success for Every Student*. We are confident the continued partnership between Hofstetter staff and Hofstetter families will facilitate accelerated learning for OUR students.

As we move into this new phase of teaching and learning, Hofstetter assures our families that we will continue to follow health and safety guidelines issued by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), the Northeast Tri-County Health District, the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). This means our students will have to learn a new way of “going to school”.

For example, our drop off and pick up will look a little different. Parents will no longer walk their students into the school; only Hofstetter staff and students will be allowed to enter the building after a health screening has occurred. We will still use the front parking lot drive thru for morning drop off. Hofstetter staff will continue to go to each vehicle to help children out of vehicles, but we will first conduct a temperature check and verify that the health screening has been conducted by parents. If students are not wearing their blue lanyard with the health screening card, parents will be asked to complete the card before the student gets out of the vehicle. **At Monday’s Open House time that you have scheduled with your classroom teacher, all students will be given a lanyard and a health screening card for the first day of school. If you are unable to attend Open House, your child will be given the lanyard and card on his or her first day of attendance.**

For students who ride the bus, Hofstetter asks parents to complete the health screening each morning before their student gets on the bus. Please make sure they are wearing their health screening lanyard. If a student arrives without the lanyard and health screen card, then Hofstetter staff will take the child to a holding area in the gym until a parent can be reached to answer the health screening questions. For the end of the day, school releases at 2:25 for buses to pick students up at 2:30 and 2:40.

For students who are being picked up, the process will be slightly different from past practice. Parents will continue to use the drive thru lane to pick up students, but pick up will occur at the playground gate instead of at the front doors. Staff will put children in cars, so parents do not need to park or get out of their vehicles. Once parents have picked up their child, they will continue through the drive thru to exit the parking lot. Parents waiting in line to pick up their child will continue to park along the right side of 6th street. Hofstetter will have a staff member controlling the flow of traffic. We ask parents to please wait in line and follow directions to pick up their child. **NO WALK UP PICK UPS PLEASE.** Because buses will arrive in two waves this year, we expect Hofstetter Street to be highly congested.

Another change for staff and students is, of course, the requirement to wear a face mask at all times. There are no exceptions to the expectation that all will wear a mask at all times (except when eating) in the building. Also, please note that neck gaiters and bandanas are not acceptable face masks. Our students will get several mask breaks at recesses, lunch, snack times and at other teacher planned times. Finally, Hofstetter will place a greater emphasis on hand washing and body control to maintain social distancing. Our staff has planned lots of fun and engaging activities to help our students adapt and adjust to what school must look like right now.

Beyond our staff educating our students on how we go to school, Hofstetter needs your help to make this hybrid experience a success. Please help your student in the following ways:

- **Do not drop off your child before 7:45 am.** Doors to the school will be locked until 7:45 and there will be no supervision before then. School begins at 8:00 am.
- Conduct the daily health screening *before* your child comes to school. Verify you have screened your child by initialing on the health screening card calendar date. Make sure your student arrives with his or her health screening lanyard everyday. Please read the back of the health screening card for directions on how to do the daily health screen.
- If your child is late to school, please wait until your child has been screened before you leave.
- **Use the enclosed flow chart to help determine if your child should attend school.**
- Make sure your child has a change of clothes and an extra mask in his or her backpack. Hofstetter cannot supply a change of clothes if your child has an accident. We do have extra masks for students; however, the supply is limited due to availability from manufacturers.
- Send a water bottle to school with your child as we are unable to use our water fountains. We find our students like the ease of use of pop top water bottles better than screw cap water bottles.
- Help your child with his or her assignments and activities on the off days.
- Reach out to your child's teacher anytime you need help or have any questions.
- For students taking advantage of our food service program, please check your child's backpack and refrigerate the off day's food. Participating students will be given a sack of food to take home for their off days.

We can't wait to see our students filling the hallways and classrooms—physically distanced of course! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Ann McKern
Hofstetter Elementary Principal