

July 28, 2021

Dear Dodgeland Parents,

We write to share with you information about the 2021 - 2022 school year. We are very excited to welcome your child back into our building and trust this information will help you prepare for our new school year.

<u>Building Project Update.</u> Since early July, construction crews have been working at least 50 hours per week, and several crews are here on Saturday as well. We are preparing to open our doors to beautifully renovated Commons, IMC, Technology Center, Middle School and High School collaboration spaces, new PLTW and Tech Ed classrooms, and a Robotics Room as well as new parking lots, new HVAC system, and a new roof.

Next summer, construction crews return to the High School and take over the Elementary School. Outside work includes the completion of the roof project, installing a new 4K / 5K playground and completely changing the older elementary school playground.

Our building projects will transform the learning environment our students experience. We are very excited to show you the progress made on Phase 1 and 2 of our multi-phase, multi-year building project.

<u>Calendar Adjustments.</u> Adjustments to our 2021 - 2022 calendar are necessary to allow the completion of essential construction tasks, as well as allow our custodial staff and technology department personnel time to complete their work before our staff and students return. We also want to provide the opportunity to begin next summer's construction work earlier. Therefore, we have adjusted our 2021 - 2022 calendar. School will be in session between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

- The first day of school will be moved back three days to the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 7. The three student contact days previously scheduled before Labor Day will be made up on October 22, January 21, and February 21. Doing so allows us to preserve our longer breaks at Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Break.
- Similarly, we will end the 2021 2022 school year on the Friday before Memorial Day, May 27 to allow construction crews to resume their work one week earlier. Certified staff will report for professional development on May 31, June 1 and 2. Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 29.
- The Elementary School schedule for 4K through 5th grade is 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with Early Childhood programming from 8:00 to 10:45 AM.
- The Middle and High School schedule is 7:50 AM to 3:10 PM.

A copy of the revised 2021 - 2022 calendar is included with this mailing for your reference.

<u>Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures.</u> Safety is our primary concern when we consider adjustments to our student drop-off and pick-up procedures. We ask for your patience and cooperation to ensure children are dropped-off and/or picked-up safely each day. A map has been provided to help explain our new procedures.

- Drop-off of students in the morning will be unchanged. Parents may drop off their child in front of their child's respective building, using the access roads. Parking lots will not be opened for parents to park. Buses will drop off Middle and High School students in front of the MS/HS and then move to the rear of the building to drop off Elementary School students.
- Pick-up procedures will be altered as follows:
 - To reduce the number of cars coming to our campus to drop-off and pick-up students, we have identified three locations within the City of Juneau as bus stops:
 - Dollar General,
 - City of Juneau Park where there is ample parking for parents to wait and a shelter during inclement weather, and
 - Fairfield Avenue in front of the Juneau Public Library.

- If you plan on having your child picked-up or dropped off at any of these three locations, please call Lamers Bus Company at (920) 386-2200.
- For parents / grandparents who decide to come to the campus, the Juneau Police Department will enforce the "no parking zone" on South Western Avenue back to Highway 26. Overflow of cars will be moved up South Street.
 - O To protect the safety of our bicyclists and walkers heading up South Street to Fairfield Avenue, we will direct all traffic to leave our campus by turning right onto South Western Avenue and then using either Cross or Kindt Streets to access Fairfield Avenue or Main Street.
 - O This traffic flow will create the safest environment of all students and efficiently move cars into, and then off of, our campus.
 - O At the end of the day, buses will line up in front of the Elementary School and then move to the front of the Middle and High School. There may be times when construction at the rear of the building may require the buses to exit by driving through the MS/HS parking lot.
 - Finally, school employees (e.g., custodians, coaches) will be allowed to enter at the second entrance to park in the MS/HS parking lot. Placards will be created and placed on the dashboard to allow a visual cue for anyone helping with the traffic flow.

Return to School Plan. We know you are also curious to learn how we will be handling COVID mitigation measures this fall. To that end, we created a "Safe Return to Universal In-Person Learning Plan" that is included in this mailing for your reference. Essentially, we are attempting to return to "normal" as much as possible, while maintaining some of the measures that kept staff and students safe and healthy last year. This plan may be altered if warranted by our local data.

Enrollment for New Students and Registration for Current Students.

 Parents of new students are encouraged to call our District Registrar, Mrs. Bentz, at (920) 386-4404, ext. 1000 or bentz@dodgeland.k12.wi.us. Mrs. Bentz will be glad to assist you with the enrollment process.

- Parents of current students should have received a notification regarding the process for registering your child for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Registration is done online through your PowerSchool Parent Access Account. In your PowerSchool Parent Portal, you will see a "FORMS" menu on the left hand side. This section will be used as we move towards a paperless format for all of our electronic student and parent forms.
- We ask that parents pay for all school fees via RevTrack. The district will cover all credit
 card fees. As always, if you qualify for free or reduced meals, your school fees are
 waived once permission is granted to share information with the business office.
 RevTrack may be accessed at any time via the district website or during the registration
 process. A RevTrak account is required to complete this process.
- If you have any questions during the registration process, please contact our District Registrar, Mrs. Benz, at bentz@dodgeland.k12.wi.us or (920) 386-4404, ext. 1000.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our school building soon! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures:

Revised 2021 - 2022 School Calendar Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures Safe Return to Universal In-Personal Learning Plan