



Riverside Elementary School

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Dear family members,

Welcome to the beginning of school! The staff at Riverside has been working diligently to prepare for the beginning of the 2020-2021 year. We understand that you are trusting us with your most precious possession, your child. Please be assured that the safety and health of the students as well as the adults on campus is our focus. Masks are required for all adults as well as children in third grade and above. The campus has been marked to promote social distancing and hand sanitizing stations are located throughout. We have closed all communal water fountains but have installed a water bottle filling station. I encourage each of you to allow your child to bring their own water bottle. For those unable to do so, we will have water available. I know you have many questions concerning meals, recess and all of the normal day to day activities. Breakfast will be a grab and go where students eat in their classrooms. Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria, the commons area of the school and an outdoor picnic area as weather permits. Students will have recess and all of their enrichment classes such as PE, art, music and library. These will look different from the years past, but we are dedicated to ensuring the students have as much normalcy as possible.

It is with a heavy heart that I share that no visitors will be allowed on campus this year. This means no one will be allowed to walk their child in the first day of school or have lunch with the students. This is an additional measure to ensure our campus remains as safe as possible. Please be patient with our carline as it is expected to be longer than normal. Buses are limited to the number of students that can ride, so please be mindful of making transportation changes this year. We are asking for a 24-hour written notice of a transportation change which will allow us to make sure a bus can accommodate the number of students.

Please be on the lookout for a Meet and Greet letter from the school and your child's teacher. The letter will explain our Safe Start Days, which will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and go through Friday, September 11th. The letter will also let you know the day your child will attend. Our goal with the safe start days is to allow students to learn new safety routines as well as allow teachers to gauge their learning.

In closing, Riverside's mission is to Educate and empower students for future success. We know this can be accomplished by building a positive environment where students thrive, supporting and monitoring the individual needs of all and forming and maintaining strong partnerships with all stakeholders. Additional information concerning our school year can be found on our school webpage, www.Riversideelementary.stpsb.org. As always, please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Patti Holden, Principal