



Elementary School Newsletter
September 2021

September Greetings,

Welcome back to school. I honestly believe that the BEST day of summer vacation is the first day back to school. It is absolutely wonderful having children and staff back in the building! Thank you very much for supporting our school, teachers, and public education. Like last year, we are writing history and dealing with things out of our control. For sure, uncertain times ahead. Hang in there, we will get through this together.

The first week of school has gone really well. Open house was AMAZING! So good to have parents and children visiting classrooms, meeting teachers in person, and sharing summer celebrations. I am very optimistic about this school year. We have a phenomenal staff, beautiful children, and supportive, kind, caring families that keep kindness and a hard work ethic as corner stones of family values! Thank you for sharing your children with us. Let' stay healthy, be happy, practice kindness always, and smile...many blessings to count and Husker Life is GOOD!

With Husker Love and Respect,
Jim Stang
Elementary School Principal



Membership Drive at Open House Change...Your Help Is Needed:

Be sure to check out your child's welcome back to school Husker Green folder for our PTA membership signup form. This dedicated and hard working group of individuals needs and deserves your support. The cost is minimal and benefits to our children, staff, and communities are enormous. We thank you for your consideration and support!



Student Drop Off and Pick Up:

A special thanks to all that are dropping off and picking up your elementary children. It is a really busy time and traffic can get congested. This first week of school we have been watching traffic flow and I am happy to report that things are going smoothly! I really appreciate those that are here early and pull all the way up, making as much room for safe pick up and drop of as possible. Please remember, we ask parents to drop off children around 7:45 am. A huge Husker "Thank You" is sent your way.



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Reminder...A few 2021-22 changes for this year to please note:

- Due to current restrictions and guidelines visitors throughout our school day will not be allowed. This includes but is not limited to: walking your child to class in the morning, eating breakfast or lunch with your child, classroom volunteering, etc.
- Drop off time in the mornings will be no earlier than 7:45am.
- Back by easy and demand, classroom treats brought from home will be discouraged. Please do not worry! Ms. Notch our new food service director will help you family purchase birthday treats through the lunchroom! Options are plentiful. Thank you for your understanding and thank you for letting us help your child celebrate their birthday!

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Conference Scheduling:

We will once again be implementing online conference scheduling. More information to follow. We are hoping to open up Skyward conference scheduling through skyward by October 4. Thank you Ms. Christy and Ms. Sandstrom! You are the BEST!



On the Bus, At School:

Before riding the bus or dropping your child off for school, please check to make sure all content, games, and apps on your child’s phone or personal device are school appropriate. When deciding what to allow, please take into consideration that children as young as 3 years of age are riding our buses. Our youngest Husker students deserve a safe orderly bus ride. If your child has graphic language, apps with graphic violence, or sexually explicit materials, your child’s device will be confiscated. A parent will need to meet with Principal Stang in order to pick up the device in the elementary office. If a second offense occurs, the child will not be allowed to bring their phone or personal device on the bus or in school for the remainder of the year.

Masks: Children will need to wear a mask when riding the bus. If they forget a mask at home, bus drivers will hand them a mask to wear. Please help keep our bus drivers healthy and safe.



Pre-Teach...Reteach...Help Support School Bus Safety:

As a volunteer Fire Fighter and First Responder for Holdingford and Avon, one of my greatest fears is having to respond to a school bus accident with injuries. You will never know how much I appreciate the combined efforts of our students,

families, staff, bus drivers, Transportation Director Rodney Ebnet, and community drivers that share the road with our school buses to keep our children safe. **Please teach and reteach the following Holdingford Bus Expectations.**

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding the school bus as are expected on school property. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the school bus or at the bus stop.

School Bus and Bus Stop Rules:

The bus rules are posted on every bus. If these rules are broken the district's discipline procedures are to be followed. The driver will report unacceptable behavior to the district's Transportation Office/School Office.

At the bus stop

- Get to your stop 5 minutes early.
- Respect property of others
- Keep arms and legs to yourself
- Use appropriate language
- Stay away from the street
- After getting off the bus, move away from the bus
- If crossing the street, always cross in front of the bus so the driver can see you.
- No fighting, harassment, or intimidation

On the bus

- Follow the direction of the bus driver
- Sit in your seat facing the front
- Talk quietly and use appropriate language
- Keep your body inside the bus at all times
- No fighting, harassment, or intimidation
- No eating or drinking on the bus
- No throwing of objects
- Keep the bus clean

Consequences

Consequences for school bus/stop misconduct will apply to all regular and late routes. Decisions regarding a student's ability to ride the bus will be in the sole discretion of the School District. Parents and guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges.

1st offense- warning

2nd offense-3 school day suspension from riding the bus

3rd offense-5 school day suspension from riding the bus

4th offense-10 school day suspension from riding the bus/meeting with Transportation Director and/or Principal.

Further offenses-individually considered. Students may be suspended for longer periods of time, including the remainder of the year.

NOTE: When a student goes 60 calendar days without a report, the student's consequences may start over at the first offense



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

The Importance of Regular School Attendance:

It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful in school than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority also are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. And that's an important lesson for a successful life. Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue them throughout their school career. That's important, because students who miss school miss out on carefully planned sequences of instruction. They miss out on active learning experiences and class participation. They miss out on the opportunity to ask questions. They are more likely to fall behind. And they are more likely to drop out.

Parents in **Action** for Student Achievement

What Parents Can Do?

1. Let your child know that you expect her to attend school every day.
2. Set a time for doing homework each evening and a time for going to bed. Unfinished homework and too little sleep are common reasons why parents hear the words, "I don't feel good," on school mornings.
3. Get involved with your child's school. When she sees you in the halls or the classrooms she'll understand that school is important.

When teachers and parents work together, amazing things happen for children. If you need assistance with your child concerning attendance, please feel free to call Mr. Stang at (320) 746-4461 or Carrie Drew (Cremers) at (320) 746-4496.



Husker High Five PBIS Team Mission:

Our team's mission statement, to create a community with focus and values on positive behavior that will lead to success in life, will continue to channel our energies and help define Husker excellence.

Husker High Five!

I show my HUSKER integrity

By:

- Being ready

- Being responsible

- Being respectful

Every day and Everywhere



September 28: PTA Fundraiser Kick Off! Bring on the chocolate! I still miss my frozen cookie dough, have moved on!

September 29: K-6 Holdingford Elementary Picture Day!

October 11/12: Preschool and School Readiness Picture Day!

**October 18: 1:15 Early Release for kiddos
Elementary Conferences from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**October 19: 1:15 Early Release for kiddos
Elementary Conferences from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm**