



Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are so excited to welcome the students back to the building for a full day of instruction on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. This school year will be filled with all of the beloved activities and events that make Green Hills so special! Thank you to our amazing custodial and administrative support colleagues who have been working diligently throughout the summer to ensure that we are ready for opening on 9/6! While the school year is still four weeks away, please see some important updates included below regarding the upcoming school year!

Time of School Day - Please note that the school day will run from 8:10 am – 3:10 pm daily. Arrival will run from 8:10 am – 8:17 am and departure will run from 3:00 pm – 3:10 pm daily. Please note that information regarding transportation with specific pick-up and drop-off times from district busing will be available by mid-August. A communication will be sent out once this information is available in the Parent Portal. After-school activities, athletics, clubs, and extra help will begin shortly after the end of the day at 3:10. Plans for after school activities need to be updated in Pick up Patrol.

Kindergarten Orientation – We are thrilled to invite our newest members of the Green Township School District to attend a Kindergarten Orientation. The orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 31st from 10 am – 11 am. The orientation will provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. The students will also have a bus ride as part of the orientation experience! The PTA will be hosting “Popsicles on the Playground” immediately following the orientation.

Staff Summer Training - While our students have been enjoying summer break, our staff have been hard at work! We began the summer with an incredible week-long Orton Gillingham training for 28 GHS staff members. The training will allow for our staff to support the literacy needs of their students this fall. Orton Gillingham is a multi-sensory approach to teaching literacy instruction for elementary learners. All K-3 staff members have been trained and will be able to implement this program in the general education and special education learning environments to support every student in their ability to read.



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We will be concluding the summer with valuable training for our staff on the new Eureka² Math program, additional Orton Gillingham Training, Legal and HIB Law Updates and Training, SmartBoard Training, Mandatory Training Sessions related to safety, and Second Step Character Education Training.

Summer Facility Projects - The building is shining brightly with refinished main gym, small gym, and classroom floors. Additional facility projects have included resurfacing our middle school roofs, repairing our sidewalks, removing and trimming diseased trees from the property, and planting our large exterior bollard planters. Other facility projects that are still in process include security upgrades and repairs to the middle school stairwell. All projects are set to be completed throughout the month of August.

Technology - The Green Township School District has made considerable upgrades to our technology for the upcoming school year. The district has purchased 85 new Chromebooks and an additional 9 SmartBoards that have been installed throughout the district for our students to utilize.

Welcome to New Staff Members - We are thrilled to welcome the following staff members to the Green Hills School! Each of our new colleagues brings tremendous experience to their roles and will support our mission of creating an optimal learning environment for each student!

Ms. Kelli Edsall, School Psychologist

Mr. Drew Vanderzee, Director of Facilities and Grounds

Mr. Josh Simmons, Day Time Custodian

Green Hills School Website - Our school website is updated with the most up to date information regarding the 2022-2023 school year. This includes our district calendar and school bell schedule.

Parent Involvement Opportunities – We are excited to announce a host of parent involvement activities for the upcoming school year. All parents are invited to be a part of various advisory committees including the District Wellness Committee, the Parent Advisory Climate and Culture Committee, Senior and Community Member Involvement Committee, and the District Farm to School Initiative Committee. Each of these committees will have a mirrored opportunity for both staff and students during the school day to allow all stakeholders an opportunity to have a voice in the overall school experience.

The District Wellness Committee will focus on supporting the overall well-being of our students including nutrition, physical well-being, positive goal setting, motivational supports, and management of stress in the life of a student. The Parent Advisory Climate



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and Culture Committee will focus on ensuring equity for all learners, discussing HIB, planning and implementing best practices in reducing HIB, and engaging in discussion about how to make our school community a safe and inclusive environment for every student. The Senior and Community Member Involvement Committee will meet to discuss how we can work in collaboration with members of our local community and will plan various volunteer events to support students and the district. The District Farm to School Initiative will work to promote our farm to school plans including monthly taste tests, gardening experiences with our students, healthy recipe contests, and planning events throughout the year to highlight farm to school opportunities for our students.

Each of these committees will work closely with district administration and teaching staff. The committees will meet a minimum of four times a year either in person or via Zoom depending upon the needs of the committee members. The staff and student versions of the committees will work in conjunction with the parent advisory committees throughout the year. To sign up for participation on one or more of these committees, please complete the following Google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5fyn2IpK8QO9TSYLdPzGPR5hnrqzkfH2E_0kQETJZKWPGpg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Realtime/Parent Portal and Pick Up Patrol - The Parent Portal will open on Monday, August 22nd for families to view class assignments and schedules. All important forms and documents will also be available there. Busing information will be completed and available on the Parent Portal at this time. Please note that the Realtime/Parent Portal will also be used as our Instant Alert system. Please make sure that all contact information is up to date and accurate. We will continue to use Pick Up Patrol for families to communicate student attendance and dismissal plans. Links to set up an account for Pick Up Patrol will be sent out by our technology coordinator before the start of the school year.

Morning Drop Off - If you choose to drive your children to school and drop them off in the morning, please pull up to the curb and have your child exit curbside of the vehicle. Drop off will occur between 8:10 am and 8:17 am. Please be sure to pull as far forward as possible when dropping off your child. Staff members will guide students to the proper entrance based on grade level.

Afternoon Pick Up – If you choose to pick up your child at dismissal, please park in the parking lot and walk over the main entry doors. Students in grades 6-8 will be allowed to highlight their names on the sign out sheet and leave through the main school doors. Students in grades K-5 will be dismissed to parents/guardians at the doors opposite the main entry doors near the stage.



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Bus Locations – Bus drivers will be pulling into the back lot for the arrival and departure daily. Please do not park in the back lot at arrival and departure as the buses need to park in that area.

Breakfast / Lunch – Breakfast will be offered each day for students to purchase at a rate of \$2.00. Students who receive free and reduced lunch will also be able to have free and reduced breakfast. Students will be permitted to eat breakfast in the classroom during arrival and homeroom.

Lunch will be served each day in our cafeteria. The cost of a student lunch will be \$3.35. Students who plan on eating a school lunch will order during homeroom each morning. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. The updated price list for all cafeteria food is available on the Parent Portal. Please note that bottled water can be purchased, but is not included in the free regular lunch.

Families who qualify should complete the forms for Free and Reduced Lunch. This information is necessary for the school and is used for a variety of other programs within the district.

Back To School Night - Our annual Back to School Nights will be held in person. Back to School Night is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers and hear about the great things that will be taking place at Green Hills this school year. A detailed schedule will be shared before the dates arrive.

Tuesday, September 20th - Grades K-4
Thursday, September 22nd - Grades 5-8

We look forward to welcoming our students back for an incredible 2022-2023 school year. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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