



C.O. HARRISON

## COLONEL'S CORNER

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Colonel Families,

We are one full week and two half days back at it and things are going very well. Our students are learning new procedures, our teachers are adjusting to living by schedules again, and our parents are getting back into morning and afternoon routines. We are happy that so many of you were able to make our Parent Information Nights (Kindergarten is on Tuesday 8/31) and learn about our classrooms and curriculum. The school year is in full swing.

Our morning drop-off procedures are working very well. Parents, please remember to pull all of the way forward in the drop-off lines so that we can maximize our space. Students do a great job of knowing to stay outside the cones and walk safely to their destination. Our afternoon pick-up was hectic on day one, as it always is. I think we were all spoiled last year with two pick up times, but we were losing too many instructional minutes. Now that we are getting into the routines, things have improved greatly. Our biggest problem is our lot is becoming full by 3:15 p.m. and we are unable to get any more cars on our property. Then traffic backs up on Neeb Road both ways. Our lot is only so big and we can only fit so many cars. Once it is full we have no options. If you are unable to be here to get a spot in our lot, you may want to consider coming closer to 3:40 p.m. to help alleviate those back-ups.

Remember to please follow the instructions of the adults in the lot. Safety is our number one goal every day, not how fast we can empty the lot. If we have to wait a few minutes to ensure that all of our Colonels make it home safely that is okay with me.

Now that we are moving into the second week of school, we would like to transition to students walking themselves to their classrooms. We will still have staff available to walk them to their classroom, if needed, but we would like students to begin doing this independently.

Finally, if we can ever help in any way please give us a call. We are happy to explain anything to you or reasons for our decisions.

Thanks  
Brian Conners

1. **KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**-Please click [here](#) for an important message from our District Nurse
2. **ATTENDANCE** Procedure-Parents are responsible for contacting the attendance secretary to report the reason for a child's absence EACH day they are ABSENT from school. Parents may call (513) 922-1485 and press "1" to leave a message on the absence line BEFORE 10am or you may email [blome\\_d@ohlsd.org](mailto:blome_d@ohlsd.org) BEFORE 10am the day of the absence. All Vacations and Out of Town trips are Unexcused absences per District Policy. You may email your teacher as well but the Attendance secretary [blome\\_d@ohlsd.org](mailto:blome_d@ohlsd.org) **MUST** be copied on the email for it to be processed for attendance purposes. If we do not receive a message via voicemail or email from a parent/guardian before 10am an automated call will go out from the OneCallNow system to the Primary Contact for the student and the student is considered UNEXCUSED until we receive a call or email from the parent/primary contact with the **reason** for the absence.

3. Primary contacts (Residential Parent/ Legal Guardian) can add up to 5 additional emails or phone numbers to the OneCall Now system by creating an account with mycallnow. Here are the instructions:

**Add Additional Numbers** - The student's primary contact can create a *My Call Now* account to add an additional 5 email addresses or cell phone numbers to also receive *One Call Now* alerts and messages. You may do this by going to <https://www.mycallnow.com> and creating an account using the Primary contact's email address and your student's ID number.

\* Please note - school district personnel are not able to access phone numbers or email addresses entered on this site, only the Primary Contact can make changes to the *mycallnow* system.

4. Instructional Fees for the 21-22 school year are \$85. Click [here](#) for a copy of the Instructional Fee Paperwork. You may pay with check or Money Order made out to C.O. Harrison Elementary school and return payment with the Fee form to the main office. You may also pay your fees via EZ Pay - click [here](#) for a link to access EZ Pay on the parent portal @ohlsd.org. If you have applied online for free lunch and received approval for the fee waiver or paid your fees via EZ Pay you do not need to send in a form to the office.
5. Click [HERE](#) to fill out the online Federal Free Lunch Application to determine if you qualify for a 21-22 School Year Instructional Fee waiver. A new application must be filled out **EVERY** school year for the Free Lunch Instructional Fee Waiver.
6. Chromebook Insurance is available to purchase for the 21-22 school year. The cost is \$20. Click [here](#) for the insurance form and send in the completed form with a check or money order to the school office or you may pay via EZ Pay on the Parent Portal - [ohlsd.org](http://ohlsd.org).  
REMINDER-lost or broken chargers are not covered under the Chromebook Insurance
7. To access EZ Pay, ProgressBook and the EMA please [click here to go to the OHLSD Parent Portal](#)
8. C.O. Harrison Cub Scout Pack 300 is hosting a sign-up night for new & returning Scouts on 9/8/21 in the COH Multi-Purpose Room from 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm (can come anytime during this time slot). A presentation for new parents will occur ~7:15 pm. Boys & girls from KGD-5th grade are welcome to join. Any questions please contact [cohpack300@gmail.com](mailto:cohpack300@gmail.com). Click [here](#) for a link to our calendar & click [here](#) for a link to fees.
9. We encourage parents to send in a water bottle with your child's name on it to avoid long lines at the drinking fountains after recess or fitness ed class.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - School CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday**

Links:

The 2021-2022 OHLSD School Calendar is available at [www.ohlsd.org](http://www.ohlsd.org).

[Click here for a link to the OHLSD Parent Portal](#)

[Click here for a link to the School Supply List](#)

[Click here for a link to the Volunteer Background Check](#)

[Click here for a link to the September Lunch Menu](#)

## 21-22 PTA School Theme "We Go Together"

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