



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Hosford Families:

Hope you have had a restful summer and stayed cool through our heat wave. Hard to believe that school will start again in three short weeks!

In June, I shared with you some details you would need for start of school; I'm sharing them again here, along with some updates.

Assistant Principal Update: I expect to be able to announce our new assistant principal later this week - please stay tuned.

Hosford August Office Hours: The Hosford Office will re-open on August 14 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm). Counselors will be available during schedule pick-up days; all staff return August 25.

Key Dates:

Schedule Pick-Up & Student Verification Days

August 22, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

August 23, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM

All families come to Hosford to confirm current details for contact and emergency information, pick up student schedules, pay fees, and receive packet of information for school year 2017-2018. We are looking forward to seeing you. As a reminder, if you're still out of town, don't fret. Students who have not picked up their schedules will receive them during extended advisory on the first day of school, along with a packet of information including forms to be signed by parent.

Community Care Day: Saturday, August 26, 2017: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Families, staff, students, and community members are invited to join us as we give some TLC to the outside of our school in preparation for welcoming students back to school. Grab your tools and gloves (mark with your name) and we will see you in the sun! We will have refreshments to keep you hydrated and caffeinated.

New Student Family Welcome Night & Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, August 30, 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Join us in the Hosford gymnasium, then moving out back if the weather allows, to meet and mingle with staff and PTSA, and enjoy some popsicles and frozen treats.

Principal's New Parent Coffee: Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 AM: Join us in the library for some coffee and breakfast pastries to learn about Hosford and meet our principal and new assistant principal.

Back to School Night: Tuesday, September 19: Meet staff, visit classrooms, and learn about Hosford! We will have meetings for families of TAG-identified, Special Education-identified, and Emerging Bilingual students beginning at 5:30; the primary event begins at 6:20 and runs until 8:00 PM.

Other Important Info:

- **School Start and End Times:** Supervision on site begins at 8:45, at which time doors open to students, and the cafeteria opens for breakfast. The first bell rings at 9:10, and classes begin at 9:15 each day. School ends at 3:45; we encourage students to participate in after-school HEAT activities on site. Students not participating in after-school activities are expected to leave campus by 4:00 PM, since supervision is not available outside of scheduled activities.
- **Supply Lists:** Please see the link on the Hosford homepage: <https://www.pps.net/Domain/124>
- **Water Bottles:** Please be sure to send students with water bottles for use with our dispensers on site. We want to be environmentally and fiscally responsible and avoid using paper cups where possible.
- **Traffic Etiquette:** If you drive your student to school, please use 28th Place as a one way going south during drop-off/pick-up. This street often becomes congested; please be sure to follow traffic signs and avoid parking in areas designated as no-parking.

I look forward to seeing you later this month. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

See you soon,

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