

August 10, 2021

Dear Ashley River Families,

I have some updated information for you about Parent Orientation, Meet the Teacher, and First Day of School drop off, as well as updated Covid Protocol that we will be following. Please read carefully the information below:

**Parent Orientation: August 16th** Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades.

- This is a **PARENT ONLY** event.
- Updated times: 8:00-8:45 AM and 9:00-9:45 AM
- Teachers will send a Sign-up Genius for you to sign up to attend.
  - **One parent only** per student, in order to maintain social distancing in the classroom.
- We **strongly encourage** mask wearing while in the school building.

**Meet the Teacher/Fact and Fee: August 16th** All Grade Levels

- Updated times: 2:00-2:45, 3:00-3:45, 4:00-4:45, 5:00-5:45
- One parent per student. Students attend with parents to meet the teacher, bring school supplies, find their new classroom and desk, etc.
- Teachers will send Sign-up Genius for you to sign up to attend a session for each of your students.
- We **strongly encourage** mask wearing while in the school building.

**Updated First Day of School Information: August 18th**

- **Parents will not be allowed** to walk their children to class on the first day. Like last year, we will have several staff members stationed at the car rider entrance and the bus door to escort students to their new classrooms.
- We prefer that you bring school supplies to the Meet the Teacher event, but in the case that you have to send them on the first day of school, please put in a crate or a large bag, clearly labeled with your child's name and teacher's name and leave at the front office. We will deliver supplies to the room once the day gets started.

**Covid Protocol:**

- **MASKS:** We strongly encourage everyone who comes in the building (students, staff, district personnel etc.) to wear masks, based on CDC and DHEC guidance.
- 3 feet social distancing in all areas of the building where possible
- Eating Lunch in the classroom
- Keeping students within the same cohort as much as possible
- Water Bottles filling stations only-no water fountains
- Hand washing often and hand sanitizer available

We regret that parents will not be permitted to walk in with their students on the first day again this year, but we need to maintain social distance in the building to keep all of our students and staff as safe as possible. I appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate this new school year and I look forward to seeing you on August 16th.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Conner, Principal