

DEVILS LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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Dear Parents/Families,

“Develop responsible, productive and respectful citizens by providing quality education to all students in a safe and orderly environment.”

As we begin the unique and very different 2020 - 2021 school year, I am reminded of our mission and purpose. It is no secret that this year will be different than years past, but what an opportunity for all of us! An opportunity to continue to provide a high quality education for students while also trying new ways of doing things. Some of these changes will go well and some will need adjusting, but through it all we will continue to focus our attention and efforts on what matters most, your child!

Whether it is virtual, distance or in-person, more than 1600 students were welcomed back by our passionate and excited educators. At the start of this school year, we will be focused on developing positive relationships that will impact their lives. No two learners are the same and our new learning environment won't be ideal for all, but I'm confident that our students possess the ability to learn, grow and be impacted by a positive, caring adult, especially during these stressful times. It is the commitment of the Devils Lake Public Schools administration and staff to serve as a positive influence in the lives of our students.

This year, more than ever, it is important to spend time connecting with one another, and connecting with our greater mission at DLPS. Let's make this a year to remember because of the positive impact that we made together not because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below are some friendly reminders as we start the school year:

Food Service - New Exciting News - Thanks to USDA we are now able to provide FREE breakfast and lunch to all currently enrolled students. Please see the additional information attached in the email.

Transportation - This will look completely different this school year. If you have not already called the district office to arrange bus transportation, you need to do that ASAP. Any daily bus changes need to be done by 1:00 PM. If a change is needed after that time, we cannot guarantee that those changes will be honored that day but changes will be made moving forward. Only in emergency situations will changes be made after 1:00 pm.

Face Coverings - Families will be responsible for providing and washing face coverings. Face coverings will be required of students and staff in all situations where social distancing is not possible. Firebird face masks are available for sale at each one of the school buildings for \$5 each.

Health Screenings - Parents are asked to screen their children each day before sending them to school. Please use the screening guidance sheet that is provided in our Health and Safety plan and in this email.

Building - Access to our buildings will be limited throughout the school day. We are asking parents NOT to enter the building when dropping off or picking up their child.

If you have any questions please contact your individual child's school. Let's have a great school year.
#gofirebirds

Sincerely,



Matt Bakke
Superintendent, Devils Lake Public Schools