

Acorn News

-Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow

From the Desk of ~ Michael Rivard, Oak Hill Principal

September 2020

Hello Oak Hill Families:

Welcome back to Oak Hill! It has been an amazing start to our school year, and the first day of school is always my favorite as we hear laughter and see the smiles of our students. Students have quickly adapted to our routines with new procedures being introduced to keep our Oak Hill community safe and healthy. Our staff have made your child's school year start a success!

As we start this school year, many families will see some similarities and differences at Oak Hill. One difference is the addition of Tony Washington as our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Washington recently served as the Assistant Principal at Lincoln Elementary. Tony began his career as a sixth-grade teacher in the Hopkins School District for 11 years. He started his administrative career at Oak Point Elementary/Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion in Eden Prairie and continued his journey as the lead principal at Concord Elementary in Edina. We welcome Mr. Washington to our Oak Hill community.

Our arrival time at school for dropping off students from family vehicles will continue to be from 7:00 - 7:35 as it has been the last two years.

From 7:00 - 7:35, students will be screened by a staff member at your vehicle. Temperature checks before entering the school building is a new procedure this year. **Vehicles will enter the southern end of the front chute in one line but will be directed to form two lines throughout the majority of the front chute. Near the northern point of the front chute, vehicles will merge back into one line to drop off their child(ren) curbside.** We will have six to seven staff members checking temperatures to allow for social distancing when entering the building. Students will be seated on the floor of the gym and socially distanced. Siblings will be able to sit next to each other while waiting for the 7:20 Bell.

Students who are dropped off from a family vehicle from 7:20 - 7:35 will enter the school building at these doors after being screened:

Door 1 - Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade

Door 2 - 3rd Grade and 4th Grade

Door 3 - 5th Grade

Again, we ask that families drive to the north end of the front chute for temperature checks from our staff screeners.

School staff will be screening students as they exit their cars by taking their temperature. **Please do not have your children leave the inside of your car until a staff member has come to your door to begin screening your child(ren).** If a child has a fever, parents will be asked to bring their child home. A staff member will direct your student to which building door to use to enter the building to ensure social distancing while they make their way to their classrooms

Dismissal for students will begin at 2:05. For families who pick up their children with their own vehicles, our procedure will look different to past school years. Vehicles will enter the southern end of the chute in one line but will be directed to form two lines throughout the majority of the front chute. Near the northern point of the chute, vehicles will merge back into one line to pick up their child(ren) curbside. We expect that by using both lanes in the bus chute that we will be able to move all vehicles off County Road 136 while you wait to pick up your child(ren).

A staff member will approach your vehicle, find out the name of your child by looking for your sign in the car window, and students will be called out from the gym.

A word of caution for picking up and dropping off your children this school year. We have seen upwards of 180 students picked up or dropped off this school year from a family vehicle. Due to screening at the beginning of the day, social distancing, and the number of families choosing to transport their child(ren), drop off and pick up has taken 20+ minutes. Following the procedures outlined above will ensure the most efficient drop off and pick up for all families. Please be patient as we ensure the safety of all students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me!

Oak Hill Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept 24th, Cub Scout Join Night!
- ◆ Sept 24th, Girl Scout Sign-up Night!
- ◆ Sept 25th, Early Release Day
- ◆ October 5th & 6th, Fall Pictures
- ◆ October 15th & 16th, MEA- No School

PTSA Forms

This school year all PTSA membership and volunteer forms will be digital. There is a link to complete the forms on the Oak Hill website, or click [HERE](#). PTSA membership dues can be paid by mailing a check to the school or through Venmo. If you have any questions about volunteering or need assistance completing the forms, please contact Angie Janni at ajhollenkamp@gmail.com. Thank you for your partnership!

Last Year Class Pictures and Yearbooks

If you purchased a yearbook last year, it should have been distributed at your child's Goal Setting conferences. Yearbooks for last year's 5th graders will be brought to South for distribution. If you have not received your yearbook, please reach out to the school office to see if they have it or contact Angie Janni at ajhollenkamp@gmail.com. Additionally, if you ordered a class picture last year they will be distributed within the coming weeks by your child's current classroom teacher. Again, for last year's 5th graders the pictures will be brought to South for distribution. If you do not receive the classroom photo you purchased by October 9th, please contact Angie Janni at ajhollenkamp@gmail.com. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time!

Join our educational partnership with Oak Hill supporting students!

- Fill out the online membership form here: <https://forms.gle/25YJizpH9RC2oTkt5>

The PTSA has open board positions for the 2020-21 school year! Monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month (currently held online):

- **Open positions:** Secretary, Ways and Means (Co-chair), Volunteer Coordinator, and Acorn editor.
- If you are interested in a board position or have questions, please contact Angie Janni (Treasurer) at ajhollenkamp@gmail.com

Why Join the PTSA?



2020-2021 PTSA Board

President: Dana Bloom
Vice President: Hillary Johnson
Treasurer: Angie Janni
Secretary: **OPEN**

Ways and Means: Becky Beuning
Events/Volunteer Coordinator: **OPEN**
Acorn Editor: **OPEN**
Principal: Michael Rivard

Teacher Representatives: Amanda Anderson & Jenny Russell