

Hello Ridgewood Family!

Are you ready for another exciting school year? I know I am! This is my first official enews for the 2018-2019 school year. I will be sending out eNews every Friday. The layout will be Building News, PTO News and some District News. All information mentioned in the email will refer you back to our website. Please check our website for updates.

### **Welcome Back Letter**

You should have or will be getting our newsletter in the mail. If you have not, it is also available on our website.

<https://www.hilliardschools.org/rgw/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2018/06/newsletter.pdf>

### **Parents in the Halls**

We will permit parents to walk their child to his/her classroom during the first week only! I recommend NOT walking your child to class as they need to learn to be independent and this only enables them. I strongly recommend 3rd-5th graders parents not walking their child to class. They are at the age where they can do it on their own.

**Parents will not be permitted in the halls after Monday August 27 unless approved by the office or teacher.**

All parents will be stopped at the office. If you want to talk to your child's teacher, you must communicate with the teacher via, phone or note ahead of time. All parents must sign in the office. I will not permit "quick drop ins." This is for the safety of all students and staff. Even if you say, "Everyone knows me," we won't allow it. Please adhere to this expectation. We love all our students and they must feel safe all the time.

### **Classroom Assignments**

Classroom assignments will be posted in HAC on Wednesday, August 15. Classroom changes **will not** be made after this date.

### **Classroom Supplies**

If you ordered your child's school supplies through our website, these supplies will be placed in your child's teacher's homeroom the week of August 13. You can bring your supplies in during Meet the Teacher or the first day of school. The supply lists or on our website. <http://www.hilliardschools.org/rgw/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2018/06/SCHOOL-SUPPLY-LIST-2018.pdf>

### **School Bus Information**

School bus information will be posted in HAC, Monday, August 13. Kindergarten postings may be a few days later. All questions pertaining to transportation need to be directed to our transportation department. The phone number is 614.21.4700.

**First Time Bus Riders**

Hilliard is hosting a First Time Riders assembly, Saturday, August 11 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Weaver Middle School.

**Free & Reduced Lunch**

If you are on a free or reduced lunch program, you must reapply every year. Your new application is due by October 2, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year. Your child will receive his/her discount up until this time. Forms can be found on the District website, <https://www.hilliardschools.org/schools/menus/#Free-And-Reduced-Lunch>, or you can pick them up at school.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

August 11 – First Time Riders Event, 9am-noon at Weaver MS  
August 13 - Bus Information posted in HAC  
August 15 - Classroom Assignments posted in HAC  
August 17 - Grades K-2 Meet the Teacher at Ridgewood  
August 21 - Grades -5 Meet the Teacher at Ridgewood  
August 22 – First Day of School  
August 30 - School Pictures at Ridgewood

**PTO INFORMATION****Kona Truck at Meet the Teacher!**

Kona Truck will be at Ridgewood's Meet the Teacher events during the following times:

Friday, August 17, 2 - 4 P.M.

Tuesday, August 21, 2 - 3:15 P.M.

**Come to the first PTO Meeting. Free childcare! Food truck!**

Tuesday, September 11, 7 P.M. in the Media Center - meet fellow parents, review and vote upon the proposed budget for 2018-19, and learn more about committees and events. A food truck will be at the school prior to the meeting, and free childcare is provided.

**Volunteer opportunities for the first week of school**

Our new bus riders appreciate volunteers directing them into the building. We are looking for people to greet the buses in the morning, to help the kindergarteners in the middle of the day (AM dismissal and PM arrival) and to direct the kids to the buses at the end of the day. If you'd rather help the first graders and students in KLIP with their new cafeteria experiences during lunchtime, there are volunteer slots available for that as well.

All of these volunteer opportunities can be found at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aaa62aa1fd0-bushelpers1>

**Save the date: Walk-a-Thon - October 5, 2018**

*More details will be forthcoming soon!*

## **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

### **Coffee with the Superintendent**

Several times a year Superintendent John Marschhausen schedules time to have coffee with our community. His next round is coming up and we hope you make plans to attend one.

### **Back to School Information**

As we get closer to the first day of school we want you to have all the information you will need. You can check your student's school web page for supply lists, welcome days and as we get closer class lists and schedules. Bus schedules will come out closer to the first day of school. You are also able to pay for the iPad technology protection plan. You can find all the details on the plan on our One2One webpage.

On social media again this year we will be asking everyone to use #HCSD1 to post their first day pictures. It's a fun way to see all our staff and students celebrating the first day of school! We hope to get #HCSD1 trending on Twitter and see it pop up on Facebook too! Remember, the first day back is Wednesday, August, 22, 2018.

### **Staff Safety Training**

On Monday, August 20, the Hilliard School District in partnership with the Hilliard Division of Police and the Norwich Township Fire Department will conduct a full scale district Safety Training Day. Our staff of more than 1900 employees will participate in multiple scenarios at Darby High School throughout the day. These will be live training drills for our teachers, our police, and our fire & rescue teams. The drills are unknown to all but a handful of people. The sights, sounds, and smells will be real. It is going to be a difficult, emotional day for all of these dedicated professionals, but it is required.

If you live in or around Darby HS, or Hoffman Trails Elementary you can expect to see lots of emergency vehicles. This will be part of the drill.

Keep checking our website for school and district information. This is going to be a great year!