

RGW ELEMENTARY

2021 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back Ridgewood Families,

I'm very excited to get this new year started and look forward to seeing our students again in the halls and classrooms. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are ready for a new school year. The staff at Ridgewood has been very busy preparing for this school year.



As you may have noticed, we have added four more classrooms to our building to accommodate all students who belong to our Ridgewood family. We now have close to 600 students! The modulars are almost finished, ready to house our 4th grade class. In addition to the modulars, we have new staff members in our building including veterans who are returning. [Click here](#) to see the staff list or visit our school [website](#).

*Classroom assignments will be posted in Home Access Center on **Friday, August 13, after 4:00 PM.***

All students, grades K-5 will have Spanish this year as part of their Specials rotation. Our skilled and devoted staff is already preparing for your child(ren). We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goal of putting students first. We are committed to doing what's best for our family academically and emotionally. We will see you soon!

Respectfully,
Kevin Buchman
Principal

START DATE AND TIMES

The first day of school is Thursday, August 19, 2021.

School doors open at 8:50 AM and the tardy bell rings at 9:05 AM.

Dismissal time is 3:30 PM for bus riders and 3:35 PM for car pick-up and walkers.

Home Access Center (HAC) <https://homeaccess.hboe.org/>

This is where you enter or update your personal information and sign off/on on-line District forms. Important information is posted on Home Access as well. This is where you also sign up for eNews.

Update Your Contact Information: Log in to Home Access Center to make sure you have the following information listed:

- Primary phone number(s)
- Current email address(s)
- Home address
- Emergency contact number(s)

Classroom Assignment: Classroom placement information will be available through Home Access Center, **Friday, August 13, after 4:00 PM.** If you need help logging on to the Home Access Center, please call our main office at 614.921.6100 and we will gladly assist you.

Transportation Information – School Bus Drop Off and Pick Up

Your child's transportation information can be found by visiting <https://www.hilliardschools.org/BusStop/>. You can access all busing information on the District's [Homepage](#) by clicking on the "Parents" tab and then clicking on "Bus Stop Location." Busing information goes live **Monday, August 9**, through Home Access.

Student entrances and exits from school are as follows:

- K-1 students will enter and exit the K/1 wing
- Grades 4 and 5 will enter and exit the main school doors
- Grades 2 and 3 will enter and exit the third grade wing

Parent Pick Up and Drop Off: We are continuing the same process and expectations for parent pick up and drop off as last year. Parents need to stay in their cars for parent pick up and drop off. All parents must wait in the [parent pick up car line](#) until all buses leave. Parents are not permitted to park and walk up to the entrance of school to pick up your child(ren) at school dismissal. This is for everyone's safety and health.

If you are picking your child up from school during school hours, you will need to press the "office call button" at the front entrance, announce who you are, and who you are picking up. A staff member will ask for verification and will then bring your child(ren) to you. This is the same process we did last year and this will continue until further notice.

Attendance Procedures

Anytime your child will be late or absent from school, please let us know by using the [School Messenger App](#) or by calling 1-844-413-8801. If calling, please leave a message stating your child's name, grade level and reason for absence.



BEST COMMUNICATION – SIGN UP FOR ENEWS!

Hilliard City Schools uses School Messenger for delivering important school and district news as well as announcements via email, phone and text message. It is very important that you update all of your personal information in Home Access Center. Please go to <https://www.hilliardschools.org/enews/> and follow the direction on how to set this up.

You will receive the most current information from the district and Ridgewood through this media. Visit the [school website](#) as well for the most current information posted.



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Ridgewood Elementary School Information

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Please join Ridgewood's PTO! The first meeting is **Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 PM via Zoom**. Check our [PTO tab](#) on our school website for more information!