August 1, 2024

Dear Parents,

The start of school is such an exciting time, and we can’t wait to work with you to put your child’s “best foot forward”! We are busy making plans for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. In an effort to ease our newest lion’s transition into elementary school, Kindergarten students will begin classes on a staggered basis. This means that your son or daughter will attend school with half of the class for four days before beginning the regular schedule with all of their classmates on Tuesday, September 3rd. The teacher and your child will have more one-on-one time to get to know each other. It provides a calmer environment and more focused time as he or she learns the ropes of the kindergarten classroom.

Your child’s specific start date and dates of attendance for the first 2 weeks of school are listed at the end of this letter. Beginning on Tuesday, September 3rd, all Kindergarten students will attend daily following the School District calendar.

The school district will provide transportation to and from school. It is our recommendation that all Kindergarten students ride the bus that is provided. Due to insurance liability and bus overloading concerns, your child **must be** picked up and dropped off by the same bus or at the same stop every day. They may be picked up by the bus at one location in the morning and dropped off at a different bus stop in the afternoon, as long as it is a daily routine.

The school day for all elementary students begins at 8:00am with school arrival time being as early as 7:45am but not later than 8:00am. Students being picked up by a parent/guardian are dismissed at 2:45pm and will be escorted to the parking lot by district employees. Parents who will be picking up their child should be in the parking lot no later than 2:45pm.

There will be more information about Breakfast and Lunch soon. School Information is provided on the school website at clasd.net and on the Clarion Limestone Facebook page.

Each Kindergarten student will need a sturdy book bag or backpack. Also, your child will need **a nap mat or a child size sleeping bag** for rest/quiet time. ***Please be sure to label all of your child’s personal items.* Please have your child wear the enclosed name/bus tag every day for the first 2 weeks of school.**

We encourage parents to log onto the school website to create a Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is where you will update your student’s information each year instead of being required to fill out numerous paper forms. Also, the Parent Portal is where you will view your child’s bus information, homeroom, grades, etc. To create your Parent Portal, please go to clasd.net. Scroll down to the selections and click on “Parent Portal”. Click on Click Here to Register for a Parent Portal Account. Enter the information requested (your child’s ID # is listed at the end of this letter) and submit. You will be notified by e-mail when your Parent Portal is complete.

We are looking forward to a great start to the 2024-2025 school year. To make the transition a little easier, if you would like to come in for a building tour and/or to find your classroom prior to school starting, you may do so on Thursday, August 15th from 10am – 12pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Mr. Sintobin, Principal at rsintobin@clasd.net or Mr. Eggleton, Assistant Principal at deggleton@clasd.net.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rob Sintobin

Elementary Principal

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***GROUP A*.** During the first 2 weeks of school, will come to school only on:

 **Wednesday, August 21**

 **Friday, August 23**

 **Tuesday, August 27**

 **Thursday, August 29**

***GROUP B*.** During the first 2 weeks of school, will come to school only on:

 **Thursday, August 22**

 **Monday, August 26**

 **Wednesday, August 28**

 **Friday, August 30**

Beginning on **Tuesday, September 3rd**, your child will attend school daily according to the District calendar. The calendar is available on the school website but is provided for your convenience.