Welcome to 2020-2021 school year!

Dear Harrison Families and Students,

Greetings from Harrison Community Learning Center – “The Home of the Hawks, The Pride of the South Side.” As the principal of Harrison Community Learning Center, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year. Even though the 2019-2020 school year ended in the most unexpected and unconventional way, as a Harrison family and community, we stood strong. Although there are still some unknowns and fears surrounding Covid-19, it is our mission to help every child feel safe, comfortable, welcomed, and connected as we return to school. We will continue to strive to challenge each student to grow in her or his academic abilities as well as meet their needs socially and emotionally. Our focused goals will continue to be to increase parent participation, build strong relationships with all stakeholders, and achieve high academic achievement.

At Harrison, we pride ourselves on having some of the greatest teachers who spend countless hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. We are also excited to introduce to you new members to the Harrison’s staff family. They all join us with experience in the field of education. Please welcome the following staff members:

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<td>2nd grade Teacher</td>
<td>Alicia Mingus</td>
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<td>3rd grade Teacher</td>
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<td>3rd/4th grade ED Teacher</td>
<td>Megan Weeks</td>
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<td>7th/8th grade ELA Teacher</td>
<td>Shelby Knobloch</td>
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<td>7th/8th grade Social Studies Teacher</td>
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<td>General Music</td>
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<td>K-4 Counselor</td>
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<td>Timothy Wolfmeyer</td>
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Other positions will be announced as staff is hired

We also would like to welcome to our Harrison family, Mr. Tyler Hesh and Ms. Jaime Peterson, our new Assistant Principals. They are extremely excited to continue our work towards building community, building leadership skills in all our students, and ensuring that students are successful. We wish Mrs. Lough and Mr. Clark the best as they continue leadership in the field of education at different schools. They will be truly missed.

During these uncertain times, it is extremely important that we stay connected. Communication to our families will be essential. Please make sure you have all your current contact information including address, phone number, and email updated on your student’s account in Skyward. Please make sure you are checking our website often and listening to all ParentLink calls. Certain aspects of the 2020-2021 school year may be subject to change because of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes.

Students will be on the Blended-Virtual A/B Learning Schedule. All students must bring hand sanitizer to school and must wear a face mask in school and on the school bus.
Kindergarten Welcome Day
- **Tuesday, August 18, 2020** from 10:00AM-12:00PM
  - This is ONLY for incoming kindergarten students and their families.

BACK-TO- SCHOOL NIGHT Kindergarten Welcome Day
- **Tuesday, August 18, 2020** from 4:00-5:00PM
  - All students and their families are invited to:
    - Find out what class your child is assigned
    - Meet and greet the teacher and administration
    - “Unpack Your Backpack” – drop off supplies and find your desk/area in the classroom

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- **Wednesday, August 19, 2020** (This will be a FULL school day – 8:30AM-2 PM.)

ATTENDANCE/SCHOOL HOURS
- It is important for your child to be at school *every day* and *on-time* as long as they are not sick.
- **SCHOOL HOURS** – School begins at 8:30 AM and dismisses at 2 PM.
  - Harrison’s doors **open at 8:15AM** for students to enter the building through the doors off Grinnell being *Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn.*
  - **For the safety of all students, please do not enter the bus circle drive to drop off students.** There is a designated area to drop off students.
  - Please do not drop your students off before 8:15AM.
  - **There is not student supervision until 8:15AM each morning.**
  - There will be limited access to the office from 1:30-2 PM
The entire Harrison family is soaring with excitement about the upcoming school year. We remain committed to providing Harrison students with a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment. Like you, we have high expectations for your student. We know that education can change lives. There will be many events throughout the year to involve yourself with Harrison including joining our PTO.

Until we each other again, please continue to read at least 20 minutes daily because Readers are Leaders!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Fabian Daniels,
Proud Principal of Harrison Community Learning Center