Dear Hines Families,

The 2021-2022 School year will a fresh start for many reasons! #One Team, One Dream

Construction is already underway for a new secured front entrance and main office. We will now be located in the kindergarten wing! We are also converting the old office into a new classroom, adding a classroom, and creating a community meeting space as well!

With all of these exciting changes at Hines, we are inspired to continue going and growing every day! Our amazing team remains dedicated to providing Hines students with an excellent education and will rise to any challenge they may be faced with! We will continue to work hard to provide your child with the best personalized educational opportunities, collaborate with all stakeholders, and build positive relationships with everyone in the Hines school community. Thank you for your positive support that you are providing as well.

We have learned many lessons this past year, the biggest lesson is the importance 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.

Please take note of activities that will be coming up soon:

**Kick-Off to Kindergarten**
- Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 11:00-1:00
  - All Kindergarten students and their parents will be invited to the school to take a tour, meet their teacher, and begin to settle into their new classrooms!
Unpack your Backpack

- **Tuesday, August 17, 2021** from 5:00-6:00PM
  - 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 or area in the classroom

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- **Wednesday, August 18, 2021** (This will be a FULL school day – 9:10AM-3:40PM.)

ATTENDANCE/SCHOOL HOURS

- It is important for your child to be at school **every day** and **on-time**.
  - Hines’ Attendance Goal is 95%.
  - **SCHOOL HOURS** – School begins at 9:10 AM and dismisses at 3:40 PM.
    - Hines’ doors **open at 8:55AM** for students to enter the building.
    - Please do not drop your students off before **8:55AM**.
    - There is not student supervision until **8:55AM** each morning.

I am eager for the 2021-2022 school year and the future growth we will see in our students. Please check our website and Peoria Public Schools website often for the most current and up to date information about school for the fall.

Respectfully,

Marcia D Lough
Principal of Hines Primary School

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
Helen Keller