Dear Harrison Families and Students,

Welcome to a new year school year at Harrison Community Learning Center – “The Home of the Hawks, The Pride of the South Side.” Even though the Harrison’s school community will be starting the 2021-22 school year earlier than most, our dedicated staff is super excited about providing an array of engaging and challenging learning experiences to all students. With the start of Harrison’s school year beginning on Monday, August 2, we will be able to provide our students with an early start to their academic year with a reduction of academic loss due to the summer break. As the principal of Harrison Community Learning Center, I know that the 2020-21 school year was extremely challenging for many of our students and families due the different learning platforms and changes. As many more Americans starting at age 12 are being vaccinated, life is starting to head back to normal. During this pandemic, our staff learned and understands the crucial role that failure, mistakes, and change play in the ongoing growth and academic success. We also recognize that all learning is social and emotional. No one can learn at their highest levels if they do not feel safe, secure, and respected. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our students are learning at high levels because they are in a safe environment, respected, challenged, supported, and cared for. That is our commitment to our students and families.

Although Illinois is in now in Phrase 5 and reopening in many capacities, 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. There will still be some CDC and Peoria Public Schools guidelines and protocols that will be enforced at Harrison. Our focused goals will continue to be to increase parent participation, build strong relationships with all stakeholders, and achieve high academic achievement.

As always, it is extremely important that we stay connected. Communication to our families will be essential. We look forward to partnering with our families as we continue to take pride in educating and preparing each student academically, emotionally, and socially to be a successful member of the community. 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.

Important Dates and Information/Reminders for the 2021-2022 School Year

Kindergarten Welcome Day
- Wednesday, July 28, 2021, from 11:00AM-1:00PM
  - This is ONLY for incoming kindergarten students and their families.
"And Here We Go!" WELCOME BACK Family Day

- Thursday, July 29, 2021, from 2:00-4:00PM
  - All Harrison’s students and their families are invited to:
    - Update student/family information: address, phone number, email address, emergency contact, etc.
    - 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,
    - Participate in games,
    - Enjoy food and music.

HARRISON’S MODIFIED CALENDAR - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Monday, August 2, 2021 (This will be a FULL school day – 8:20AM-2:50PM.)

ATTENDANCE/SCHOOL HOURS

- It is important for your child to be at school every day and on-time.
  - Harrison’s Attendance Goal is 95%.
- SCHOOL HOURS – School begins at 8:20 AM and dismisses at 2:50 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 2:30—3:00PM.

Please continue to read at least 30 minutes daily because Readers are Leaders!
Remember mark your calendars for the first day of school on Monday, August 2...and Here We Go!

Respectfully,

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