Dear Dr. Maude A. Sanders Primary School Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope all our students and families had a safe and relaxing summer break. The staff at Dr. Maude A. Sanders Primary School have been busy preparing to welcome students back into the building and are excited about seeing them soon for another great year of learning. While we are working on all the normal aspects of planning (creating schedules, calendars, class lists, etc.) COVID-19 also continues to play a role in how we prepare for the upcoming school year, too. In our continued work to keep students, staff, and families safe, we will follow similar mitigation efforts with which we ended the 2020-2021 school year. These efforts will be based upon continued guidance and policies from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Peoria County Health Department, and Peoria Public Schools. We will work to communicate any changes to COVID-related policies in a concise and timely manner. Thank you again for your understanding and help in keeping us safe, happy, and healthy.

As we move towards the start of the school year, here are important dates to start off the year:

- Monday August 16th: Unpack Your Backpack-time 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday August 17th: Jumpstart to Kindergarten-11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday August 18th: First day for students!-Back to School schedule TBD
- Friday August 20th: College Colors Day
- Monday September 6th: Labor Day-No School
- Tuesday September 7th: PTO Council Meeting at Administration Building (Room PLC 2)-6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday September 22nd: Progress Report 1 sent home to parents
- Thursday September 23rd: Parent University-5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Greater Peoria Family YMCA
- Wednesday September 29th: SIP Day-1/2 day for students

Here is some information which will help your student start off the school year successfully:

- School hours for Dr. Maude A. Sanders Primary School for the 2021-2022 school year will be from 9:10 a.m.-3:40 p.m. Students may come into the building starting at 8:55 a.m.
Per district policy, students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are expected to wear school uniforms. School uniforms include black, navy blue, or khaki pants, skirts, jumpers, or shorts. Students will also wear a solid-colored red, white, and any shade of blue collared (either dress or “polo” style) shirt. Footwear must be closed-toe shoe and have backs to them. Masks and water bottles only filled with water (no soda, juice, or sports drinks, please) will also be required daily due to COVID mitigation efforts.

If you have any changes in home address, phone number, or email address, please call the school to update your contact information so you can receive updates from the school and be available in case of an accident, illness, or discipline-related issue.

We will send out weekly announcements through phone calls (usually Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.) and through email. The school will also release monthly newsletters with dates and events. Your student’s teacher will also do weekly communication with families to let them know about classroom activities and individual student progress.

Our student handbook is available on our school website. This contains school policies and other pertinent information regarding the operation of our school.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support of your students and for a great start to the school year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. I look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Sincerely,

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