Parents and Families of Dr. Maude A. Sanders Primary School,

I would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and have taken time to recharge and gear up for another great year of learning! One of the unprecedented challenges we face coming into this school year is what education will look like with COVID-19. Please know, that as a school and a district, we have prepared for the start of the school year with consideration given to student and staff safety while staying committed to high standards of teaching and learning.

*Due to COVID-19, most students will be on a Blended Virtual A/B Learning Schedule. Students’ temperatures will be checked each day when they arrive at school. Students must bring hand sanitizer to school and must wear a face mask while in school and on the school bus.*

Due to the fluid nature of this, it is important to stay connected with Dr. Maude A. Sanders Primary School and Peoria Public Schools over the summer and beyond. Here are some tips to ensure that you are receiving information in a timely manner:

- Please be sure that your contact information (phone number, email address, and home address) is current in Skyward. Please call the office at (309)-672-6571 before June 1st or after August 3rd to update this information.
- Listen to automated messages and read emails from the school and district as they will have pertinent information regarding the start of the school year.
- “Like” and follow the Dr. Maude A. Sanders Primary School, Dr. Maude A. Sanders PTO, and Peoria Public School pages on Facebook.

As we move towards the beginning of the school year, here are some important dates to remember. These dates and events are subject to change:

- July 3 (Fri) OFFICES CLOSED – Independence Day observation
- August 3 (Mon) School secretaries (HS, Middle & Primary), HS Treasurer, HS Data Processing Clerk, PPS secretaries return to work
- August 8 (Sat) Student registration hubs open 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Manual High School & Peoria High School
- August 11 (Tue) Student registration hubs open 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Manual High School & Peoria High School
- August 13 (Thur) Student registration hubs open 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Manual High School & Peoria High School
- August 18 (Tue) Online enrollment ends (midnight)
- August 19 (Wed) First day for students
Here is additional information and dates for the start of the school year:

- **Our Back to School bash** is **Sunday August 9th, 2020** and starts at 5:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by Relevant Faith Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, families, and community members to gather for fun, food, and other activities to help students get ready for a new school year.
- **School hours** will be: **9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **We will host Welcome to Kindergarten evening on Monday August 17th** from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. This Kindergarten-only event will give both our students and their families an opportunity to meet the Kindergarten teachers, tour the school, and answer any questions you may have. We will have more information about this event as it gets closer.
- **Unpack Your Backpack** will be on **Tuesday August 18th** from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades may come to meet their teachers and bring in classroom supplies.
- **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.

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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