

Penhold Elementary School

~A Great Place to Learn~

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Hello PES Families!

August 25th, 2022

The Penhold Elementary School team would like to welcome you back for our 2022/2023 school year! We are thrilled to be welcoming students back into our building with less restrictions than the previous years and are excited for the ***GREAT*** year ahead! Please feel free to contact us via email or phone, should you have any questions after reviewing this document!

The following is some information that we felt would be helpful to share with families.

OPEN HOUSE

● We see the value in providing an Open House for our students and their families to see our wonderful school and feel the atmosphere at Penhold Elementary! We have scheduled a small Open House for **Wednesday, August 31st from 12:30pm until 1:30pm**. The Open House will consist of the following:

- Join us for BBQ'd hot dogs and a drink outside of the main door anytime between 12:30pm and 1:30. Our administration team and support staff will be outside to greet and serve you.
- After you've enjoyed a hot dog, please head inside our building through your child(s) boot room doors (see the map below) and head to your classroom! Your teachers will be in their rooms to meet and greet you! Please limit your visit within the classroom to under 10 minutes. This will make it possible for other families to come and visit our building in a timely manner, making sure our teachers have time to meet all their families!
- We welcome the drop off of school supplies so students do not have to carry everything on their first day of school.
- All other school visits and tours are possible by calling the office and making an appointment.

BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST

- For each of your children, we suggest you purchase a water bottle for daily use and label it with your child's name. We have a bottle filling station where students can fill up during the day as needed. Students will also need a backpack.
- Please label all clothing and supplies, simple initials on clothing tags and shoes will be sufficient.
- Please review with your children that patience and kindness will be necessary during the first few days of school. Students may have to take turns parking bikes or entering doors.

● It is essential that you update the demographic forms that will go out electronically from CESD with parent and emergency contact information and any pre-existing condition information. These will be sent out on Monday the 29th of August by our Division Office.

ILLNESS IN CESD

● It continues to be important that students and staff members remain at home if they are sick. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If they become sick at school, we will notify you to pick them up immediately.

PARKING/DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREAS

● Please arrange a meeting spot after school prior to the start of school. If older siblings are picking up or if siblings are meeting after school, please establish a meeting spot outside as well.

● If your child is arriving on the bus, they are asked to go and stand in their designated line up outside of their boot room door. Please refer to the bootroom map to see where your child enters and exits the building. Staff will be outside to help students find their doors on the first days of school.

● If you are driving to school, please drop students off no earlier than 8:30 as the first bell rings at 8:40.

● Students arriving after the 8:40 bell should enter through the front doors and check-in with the office before they go to their class.

● There is no playing allowed on the playground before school starts. Please have students go directly to their designated lineup and wait for the bell.

● **Supervision on school property does not start until 8:30am**, so please do not have your child show up any earlier than this time.

LUNCH & NUTRITION PROGRAM

● Our classrooms do not have access to microwaves. Students will need to have a packed lunch consisting of ready-to-eat items.

● Our nutrition program (breakfast program) will be starting the first day of school.

● If your child has a severe allergy, please contact your child's teacher and let them know right away. We will do our best to accommodate the allergy or intolerance.

MORNING RECESS AND LUNCH RECESS

● Recess time allows the whole school to be outside at once. We have 3 supervisors on supervision at each recess, and they wear neon vests to be highly visible in case of incidents and emergencies.

SCHOOL WIDE ACTIVITIES

● A schoolwide assembly will take place each month to celebrate all the GREAT things taking place at Penhold Elementary. Parents/Guardians are encouraged and invited to attend.

● Sports, music and fine arts activities will be resuming this school year! More details as to when these will start will come out in the coming months.

- The community use of schools is permitted. If you would like to rent our spaces, please contact Mrs. Baird at the office.
- Teachers will be busy booking field trips for the fall and spring. More information and details will come from the teacher teams once plans are finalized.

TECHNOLOGY

● We have a large selection of chromebooks here at the school to ensure all of our students have access to a chromebook when needed, however, families are welcome to bring their own chromebooks if they prefer. Staples, Best Buy, Amazon and London Drugs frequently have sales at this time of year with a selection of Chromebooks available for under \$300. Tablets such as Ipads are not recommended.

SCHOOL AGENDA FEES

Each student needs to purchase a school agenda, the cost of the agenda is **\$8.00** which can be paid online.

SWIM FEES

Grades four to six are scheduled for swim lessons at various times during the school year. Swim lesson fees have not been determined for the 2022/2023 school year. We are still waiting to hear back from the Innisfail Aquatic Center to determine the entire cost. Once arranged, swim packages will be sent out by homeroom teachers closer to the date of their scheduled swim lessons.

OPTION CLASS FEES

To align with the Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) curriculum, all students at PES will participate in option classes. **Grade 4's option fees will be \$20.00 and Grade 5 and 6 fees will be \$40.00.** Grade 4 students will start option classes in January of 2023, while the Grade 5 and 6 students will start in October.

We hope you can join us for our Open House and Welcome Back BBQ on August 31st from 12:30pm until 1:30pm.

Once again, our PES Staff is looking forward to seeing your child(ren) on **September 1st for the first day of classes**, at 8:45 a.m. for another **GREAT** year of learning!

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Lisa Baird- Principal
Mrs. Giselle Meyer-Vice Principal

Please use the map attached as a guide to which entrance your child will be using during the school year. Please have them use their designated entrance for the Open House on Wednesday. Thank you!

