**Sunset Heights Principal Notes 8.11.2023**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School year!  I hope everyone has enjoyed summer so far and enjoys the rest of it as well!  It has been quiet here at school and I am looking forward to the start of the year!  I sent Principal Notes out most  Friday Evenings so keep your eye out though the school year.

**Important Dates:**

**Friday August 18th-** Teacher assignment letters sent home via email

**Thursday, August 24th-** Nashua Back to School Night5-6:30 pm, Thursday, August 24 at Nashua Public Library Plaza, 2 Court Street

**Monday, August 28th** -Meet and Greet for Grades 1 – 5 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

**Tuesday, August 29th** -The first day of school for Grades 1 – 5

**Friday September 1st** - No school/Labor Day

**Monday September 4th** -No school/Labor Day.

**Thursday, September 28th** -Open House.  More information about time will be sent out as we approach that date.

**Welcome back letters**

These will be sent out via email on August 18th.  Please check you junk mail too. You can check your settings to ensure that you can receive mail from the Nashua.edu.  You’ll be able to see your child’s teacher through the parent portal on August 21st.

**21st Century After School Program Pre-Registration:** [**https://www.nashua.edu/Page/1748**](https://www.nashua.edu/Page/1748)

**Drop off and Pick up/School Hours:**

School hours are 9:00 AM to 3:25 PM.  Your child will be marked absent/tardy if they come in after the 9:00 AM bell.  Students may not be dropped off before 8:50am as we have no supervision outside until then. More information on drop off and pick up procedures will be sent as we approach the start of school.

**Early Release Days:**

The district this year re-implemented Early Release days.  On early release days students are dismissed 2 hours before their normal time, so they would be dismissed at 1:25PM.  The early release days for this 2023-2024 school year are: October 18, December 13, March 12, and May 15.

**Healthy School:**

Sunset Heights is a healthy school which means healthy meals and snacks for your children. Please refer to the policy if you have any questions on the Nashua.edu website.

**Communication:**

We are trying to cut down on the amount of paper we send home to families.  The districts goal is to do everything electronically.  Which means, student information update forms to be done on-line, report cards, etc.

**Important Dates for Kindergarten ONLY**

**August 18th-** Email letter sent to Kindergarten families with link to sign up for screening time

**August 29th & August 30th**–Kindergarten Screening: It is beneficial for us to gather some basic information about your child’s school readiness in order to create class lists.  Sign up will come out in the 8/18 email.

**August 31st –1:30-2:30 pm**: Sunset Kindergarten Orientation will begin at 1:30.  Families will find out their children’s teacher at this time and learn everything there is to know about starting Kindergarten.

**September 5th & 6th First Day of School**: Students will attend a full day session as follows:

* Students whose last name begins with **A through M** come in on September 5thfrom 9:00 - 3:25
* Students whose last name begins with **N through Z** come in on September 6th from 9:00 – 3:25

**September 7th**: All Kindergarten students attend according to the regular kindergarten day.