



Carlisle Elementary

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

I hope everyone is off to a Happy 2021! I wanted to provide some important information so we can all continue to have a successful school year during these unprecedented times.

As most of you already know, the free lunch program will continue for all students until the end of this school year. This is great news for all our students. Some students do still pack their lunches but then decide they would rather have a school lunch and the packed lunch ends up being wasted. This only happens randomly depending on the grade level and the menu options from the cafeteria that day. I would recommend talking to your child if you are concerned this might be happening. I just want to make sure that food is not being wasted and we can all stand to save money on our grocery bills. Please remember that students should be bringing their own water bottle every day. They may bring plastic or metal but no glass bottles. We now have touchless water bottle filling stations that make refilling their water bottles very efficient.

All students in 1st through 5th grade do get outdoor recess every day with weather permitting. Please make sure your child brings their winter coat with them every day. If the temperature (including the feels like temperature) is above 32 degrees, all students will go outside for recess.

It is important that teachers, the principal, and all our families continue to be on the same page to support positive behavior at school. Our goal is for all students to be respectful, responsible, and safe at school and in the community. Please talk to your child about respecting our new building, especially in the hallways and restrooms. Our building leadership team is implementing a school wide discipline plan to enforce proper mask wearing for all students. If your child is warned three (3) times within one class period they will receive an office referral from their teacher. The first office referral is a warning and will be sent home for you to sign. The second office referral will result in a three day recess/lunch detention in the office. I will also call you to discuss the situation. The third office referral will result in a three day out of school suspension. So far this year, we have only had to do one suspension for a severe reason, not related to mask wearing. The staff at Carlisle Elementary is very proud that we have had minimal suspensions this year and we thank all of you for supporting us. I truly believe we are one of the best elementary schools in the state of Ohio because of the dedicated community support and strong staff.

Our student pick up process in the afternoon has improved drastically since we split the location of the grade levels. However, the morning drop off is still problematic for staff members. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot let students in the

building until 8:05 am. Carlisle Elementary Staff members sign in is at 8:00 am. We are asking all parents to not enter the front parking lot until 8:00 am. This should allow staff members to access the parking spaces by the elementary entrance. Many days staff members cannot find a place to park or even get into the parking lot. There is a 15-minute window for drop off in the morning. You may drop students off from 8:05 am to 8:20 am. Thank you for cooperating with this matter.

Please look for the upcoming Indian Nation Newsletter that will be out in February. It will have a great article about our Carlisle Elementary PTO and all they do for our students and staff members. It will also talk about future fundraisers to help support our PTO.

As always, please feel free to email or call me if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at 937.746.8969 or Jennifer.dearwester@carlisleindians.org. I am proud to say that Carlisle Indians are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dearwester