

## **WELCOME TO READ SCHOOL ~ 2021-22**

Welcome students and families to the 2021-22 school year! We are so excited to welcome your child back to school for *full in-person learning*. At Read School we value our family and community partnerships, and we understand the importance of working together to ensure that your child has a safe, positive, and rewarding educational experience. We know that relationships matter – they are the foundation for learning, and we want all students to feel that they belong to our school family.

Your child's teacher has worked hard to create a safe environment for the classroom. Social distancing is promoted throughout the school day. Students and staff must wear masks in school, and mask breaks will be provided each day. All classrooms have antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for students and staff to use as needed. Students will be regularly encouraged to be safe by remembering the **3 Ws**:

- 1) *Wear a mask.*
- 2) *Wash your hands often.*
- 3) *Watch the space between yourself and others.*

We want to see your child succeed this school year! It is important that students come to school each day as long as they aren't sick. Students who come to school regularly have better grades, feel positive about school, and are more likely to graduate from high school in the future. Your child's attendance matters very much to his or her future success.

The remaining information outlines important things you need to know.

### **MORNING ARRIVAL**

School hours are arranged in two separate groups:

#### **Grades 5 – 8:**

- **7:50 am – 2:20 pm** (Full Day)
- **7:50 am – 12:00 pm** (One Session Day / Early Dismissal)
- A student who arrives after 8:05 am is considered tardy and will need a late pass

#### **Grades PK – 4:**

- **8:30 am – 3:00 pm** (Full Day)
- **8:30 – 12:40 pm** (One Session Day / Early Dismissal)
- Students who arrive before **8:20 am** must be supervised by a parent or guardian
- Students in grades K-4 should not walk to school alone
- PK students should arrive at **PE Entrance** at **8:30 am** each day and they must be signed in by a parent or guardian upon arrival
- A student who arrives to school after 8:45 am must report to the main entrance for a late pass

## **AFTERNOON DISMISSAL**

To achieve safe and orderly dismissal routines, students are dismissed in two waves:

- **Grades 5 – 8 ~ 2:20 p.m.**
- **Grades PK – 4 ~ 3:00 p.m.**

Students in grades PK – 4 will not be dismissed between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. except for the following reasons:

- Family emergency
- An appointment (written documentation must be provided)
- Administrator’s approval

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

All parents and guardians must provide Read School with current emergency contact information. Please update these numbers throughout the school year, especially if your family moves or your phone numbers change. Emergency information should include:

- Family’s home address
- 3 or more telephone numbers to be used for emergency purposes

## **READ SCHOOL’S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: LIGHTHOUSE**

Read School has a fun, enriching afterschool program, *Lighthouse Program*, serving students in grades K – 8. Lighthouse runs daily, Monday through Friday. Please direct questions to **Mr. Kevin Carpenter**, Read School’s Lighthouse Site Coordinator. He is available by email ([kcarpenter@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:kcarpenter@bridgeportedu.net)) or daily after 3:00 pm. You can get an application by contacting the main office.

We are very excited for a brand-new school year!

Sincerely,  
Read School Administrators

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