

MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

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Dear Hoggard Families:

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. We would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm welcome to our new families joining the Mabel Hoggard community. These past few weeks of school have been exhilarating. The staff and I look forward to this momentum continuing throughout the year as we ensure that every student has the best educational experience at Mabel Hoggard.

As you know, the start of the school year is the perfect time to establish routines and set a positive tone for a productive year. Below are some practical ideas adapted from *Parents Make the Difference* from the *Parent Institute*.

iSet the scene for homework. Find a setting in the home that matches your child's work style. For example, some children need a quiet place to do work while others require sound such as music in the background.

iPrepare for school the night before. Help your child select clothes the night before. You or your child should pack their lunch in the evening. Also, gather homework or sign any school papers during this time.

iEstablish bedtime and homework routines. Designate a time that your child will do homework and go to bed. Consistency is critical.

iCommunicate with the teacher. Ask how you can help both the teacher and your child.

iTeach respect by modeling respect. Say "please" and "thank you" to your child.

iAm genuinely interested in my child's schoolwork. Ask about school every day. Ask your child to teach you what he/she is learning.

iSay at least one positive thing to my child daily.

iInsist that my child does his/her best and works hard. If school is important to you, it will be important to your child.

Lastly, I encourage you to become actively involved in your child's education by volunteering, participating in parent trainings, attending our Principal's Advisory meetings, and joining the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

We are on our way "To Proficiency and Beyond!"

Sincerely,
Celese Rayford, Ed.D.

*Si necesita este boletín en Español por favor pase a la oficina.



BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

Parents/Guardians,

Please make sure your child knows if he/she will ride the bus or be picked up after school, and the pick-up location, such as in front or at the back of the school, or in the main office. Messages will only be given in case of an emergency.

***Please note**

emergency messages are given only at 3:00 pm.

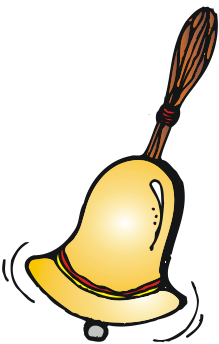


Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival and dismissal procedures are provided to maintain the safety of students. The bus lanes are located in the front parking lot. We are requesting that parents not enter this area between the hours of 8:00- 9:00 a.m. or 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.. Students that ride their bikes to school are permitted in this area since the bike rack is located near the bus lanes.

We are requesting that the KIDS program and Kindergarten parents/guardians pick-up and drop off their child at the kindergarten playground.

Parents, please do not drop your students off at school any earlier than 8:00 a.m. There is no supervision before this time to protect your child in case of an emergency. Also, all students must be picked up from the office by 3:30 p.m. If you must have your child at school before 8:00 a.m. or if they must stay after 3:30 p.m., please register them in our SafeKey Program. If there is an emergency and your child cannot be picked up, please notify the school office immediately.



ATTENDANCE

Student attendance at school every day is very important at the elementary level. Students are usually not at fault when they miss school or arrive to school tardy. Parents, please teach your child two very important life skills:

1. Responsibility - to make appropriate choices to come to school unless ill, and 2. Punctuality - being on time. It's just as important for students to arrive to school on time as it is for adults to arrive to work on time. If your child is ill, please phone the school office or send a note when your child returns explaining the reason for the absence. If your child arrives late to school, he/she must stop in the school office and receive a green tardy slip before going to the classroom. ***Please note that there will be no early check outs permitted after 2:30 pm. Extreme circumstances will be considered by administration.**

SafetyChild ID Program

According to sources, 2000 plus children are reported lost, missing, or separated from their parents every day in the United States. Only 3% of parents can provide authorities ALL of the vital information needed immediately in an emergency. The SafetyChild ID packages offer a variety of IDs to meet every need and budget. SafetyChild will be at our school on **Thursday, November 14**, to photograph, fingerprint, and obtain vital information to create ID cards. Additional information about fees will be sent later. Please note that the school is offering this as a community service.



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast is served daily between 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. for \$1.25. Lunch may be purchased for \$2.00 and milk \$0.25. We encourage parents to prepay for breakfast and/or lunch by going online @ www.SchoolPaymentSolutions.com or by paying in the multipurpose room during the breakfast hours noted above. To apply for free or reduced priced meals, complete an application for your family online @ www.applyforlunch.com or obtain a paper application from our Kitchen Manager, Dana Veasley. **If you applied last year, you need to reapply for this year by October 1, 2013.** **Please note that no parent or adult bringing students to school may stay in the multipurpose room during the breakfast hours and sit or eat with their child.*

First Lunch (Grades 1 & 2)

11:05- 11:20 Students play outside

11:20- 11:40 Students eat lunch

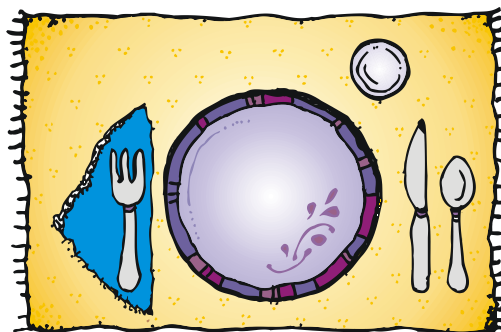
Second Lunch (Grades 3 & 4)

11:40- 11:55 Students play outside

11:55- 12:15 Students eat lunch

Third Lunch (KIDS/Kindergarten & 5)

12:15- 12:30 Students play outside



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We would like to extend a HUGE thanks to the following community partner for their generous donation of school supplies and instructional materials.

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We truly appreciate all that you do to ensure that Mabel Hoggard students have the best possible education and the teachers have the tools to deliver instruction. We applaud your support of public education.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



8/26-9/30	Pre-Test CCSD Assessment (Kindergarten)
9/4-9/24	Launch Into Teaching District Assessment Gr. 1-5
9/19	Principal's Advisory Meeting—9:00 .m. Space Portable
9/27	PTSA Family Movie Night—6:00-8:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room
10/1-10/3	Grade 5 Environmental Camp—Mt. Charleston
10/9	Fall School Pictures
10/19	Magnet Schools Fair—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Meadows Mall
10/22	NO SCHOOL—Parent Teacher Conference Day
10/24	NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day
10/25	NO SCHOOL—Nevada Day Observed

Safety Information

The Clark County School District suggests the following precautionary measures for parents and their children. Parents are urged to have frank discussions with their children about the following:

1. Teach your child, regardless of age, their full name, address, and phone number.
2. Explain the dangers of being abducted and/or molested.
3. Explain that private parts of their body should not be touched by anyone, and if that happens, to report it immediately.
4. Police officers are to be trusted for help; explain that police can always be identified by their marked car or motorcycle and their uniform.
5. Emphasize the importance of staying close to a parent, relative, or friend when away from home.
6. Explain the importance of noticing and remembering identifying characteristics of strangers, such as their height, hair, eye color, voice quality, clothes, and unusual marks. Also stress the importance of remembering the vehicle description, such as color, size, and license plate number.
7. Stress the importance of protesting and running away if a stranger tries to take your child/children somewhere.
8. Never accept candy, money, or gifts from strangers.
9. Never go into a garage, shed, or alley with a stranger.
10. Never get into a car with a stranger. If a stranger asks for directions, be polite but do not go near the vehicle. If a stranger gets out of his/her vehicle, run away immediately.
11. Parents should occasionally accompany their child/children to school and monitor the area they are traveling.
12. Parents should know who their child/children normally walk to school with and the route they normally take.