

Hello O. Brown Families!

We are excited to start school on Wednesday September 1st! Open House is Tuesday, August 31st from 5pm - 7pm. We invite families and students to stop by and say hello to their teachers for the upcoming year and also meet the building support staff. Homeroom teachers will be reaching out to introduce themselves to families this week and answer any questions you might have about the upcoming school year. Per the RUSD policy, masks are required for all staff, students and visitors to the building while indoors, including at Open House. Masks will be available at the front door for anyone that needs one.

For the 2021-2022 school year, our student day will begin at 9:05am, with student entry beginning at 8:55am. The student day ends at 3:56pm. Our student entry plan is attached to this email. Please do not park in the drop off lane. The drop off lane is intended for families that are going to drop students off without the adult(s) getting out of the car. Please be mindful of others and allow those that park to exit their spots. If you plan to walk your child to their entry door, please park in a visitor parking spot. Students can begin entering the building at 8:55am. Staff will be outside promptly at 8:55am to supervise.

If you have any questions regarding Covid-19 symptoms or need to report an exposure, or positive test result, please email our School Nurse, Sue Greiner at susan.greiner@rusd.org. You can also contact her at 262-664-6659.

The TLC Daycare will continue to offer before and after school care for interested families. For more information, please contact the Director, Dawn Ochs at hpsap48@gmail.com. The Office of Extended Learning for the Racine Unified School District will also be offering their programming at Olympia Brown this year as well before and after school. The Office of Extended Learning through RUSD is working to staff the program. Their intended start date is September 7th. Families that have registered, should have received communication directly from their office regarding details of the program. The before school programming begins at 7:30am. The after school session begins at 4:00pm. You can register for either or both sessions online by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/WxzwPAvsZqeeQE9t5>

Olympia Brown staff will follow the latest guidance from the district related to safety protocols. As was the case last spring, good hand hygiene will continue to be encouraged and practiced throughout the day. Each student will receive their own individual set of supplies in their classroom. If/when classroom materials need to be shared, students will wash or sanitize their hands before use. High touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

If you have a 2nd or 3rd grade for the 2021-2022 school year and have not had the opportunity to have them exchange their tablet for a Chromebook - you can do this at Open House. If you are unable to attend Open House, please call the main office at 262-664-6650 and we will be happy to set up a date and time that will work for you.

All students are expected to bring their charged tablet (4K, Kindergarten and 1st grade) or charged Chromebook (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade) daily. Students will utilize their technology at certain times during the school day.

Student homeroom assignments are posted on the Parent Portal and should be visible to all families. Student bussing information is also available on the Parent Portal. You are also encouraged to download the First Student App to track your child's bus information. Please note that bus pick up and drop off times change regularly the first couple of days of school as First Student adjusts the routes. If you have any questions regarding busing, we are happy to help you in the main office. Please recognize that the Olympia Brown staff does not set up or have control of bus routes or bus stops. If you do not have a parent portal account or need assistance with resetting your account, please contact the main office at 262-664-6650. Please make sure your information is up to date on the Parent Portal prior to the start of the school year.

We look forward to welcoming our students back this week and seeing everyone at Open House!

Dr. Goggins and The Olympia Brown Staff