



SCOTTS MILLS SCHOOL

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Dear Scotts Mills School Families:

I am very excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at Scotts Mills School! We are excited to welcome about 160 students in just 2 short weeks!

Please make sure you review all the information sent home with your student during the first week of school. The Scotts Mills 2019-2020 Student Parent Handbook and the District Guidelines for Student Conduct can be found on our school website, or you can also request a hard copy of these documents in the office.

Important Dates

- August 28 School Clean Up---5:30-7:00 pm
Please join us to spruce up our building before the school year starts!
- September 3 First Day of School!! School starts at 8:25 am (**NOTE NEW START TIME**)
*Join our PTCC for coffee and muffins for parents in the library
- September 5-6 Kindergarten Assessment Conferences (Teachers will schedule assessment appt. with parents. No School for kinders).
- September 5 Open House 5:30-7:00 pm
*Kindergarten Orientation---5:45-6:15 pm
*Middle School Orientation—6:30-7:00 pm
- September 23 Early Release 1:00 PM

A few reminders as we start up the school year:

*School Clean-Up, 8/28—5:30-7:00 pm: Please join us to help spruce up our building before the school year begins. We will have bark dust to spread, weeds to pull, windows to wash and more!

*Resource Room—Our PTCC collects new and gently used clothing and hygiene items for families in need. If you are in need of backpacks, shoes, clothing, and hygiene items for your children to start the year, please stop by on Aug. 23rd from noon-7 pm in front of the building.

*School Supply Lists: School supply lists can be found on the school website or you can pick one up in the office.

*Free/Reduced Meals: There is an information letter and application for free/reduced meal program attached to this mailing. It can also be found on our district website, on the Sodexo food services page or at <http://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp/default.aspx>.

*Kindergarten Assessments...IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesday, Sept. 3th and Wednesday, Sept. 4th. There will be no school for our kindergarten students on Thursday, Sept. 5th and Friday, Sept. 6th for our kindergarten team to complete assessments on each student. All kindergarten students will return to school on Monday, Sept. 9th. For more information, please see the attached letter from the kinder teacher team.

*Open House: Our back to school open house will be held Thursday, September 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm. This year our kindergarten and middle school teams will provide a parent orientation to share important information about what to expect this year:

*Kindergarten Orientation---5:45-6:15 pm

*Middle School Orientation—6:30-7:00 pm

If you have students in other classrooms, you will have an opportunity to visit those classes before/after the orientations.

*School Hours: Our school hours are 8:25 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Students may arrive at 8:00 am to eat breakfast or go to recess. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS BEFORE 8:00 AM—We do not have any supervision in the hallway or playground until then. Please ensure that your child is at school no later than 8:20 am (8:10 am if eating breakfast) to make sure that they are ready to learn at 8:25 am.

*Transportation: Enclosed you will find a postcard that we are asking you to return ASAP. This information will help us determine the correct bus route or after school destination plan for your child prior to the first day of school. It is essential that these cards are mailed back to school or dropped off at the school office as soon as possible. If you are new to receiving bus service at your address, please contact the bus barn ASAP to set up a stop for your child. Once updated, the bus routes will be posted on the district website. If you have questions about the routes, please contact Durham School Services at 503/873-3721.

Please join our PTCC in the library for coffee and muffins after your drop your child off at school on the first day of school. It's a great opportunity to connect with other Scotts Mills parents and enjoy a cup of coffee to celebrate the start of the 2019-20 school year!

Again, we look forward to an exciting new school year. Please call or stop by if you have any questions. Our office hours are 8:00 am-3:00 pm until school begins. See you soon!

Sincerely,

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