

SILVER CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

Once again...I can't wait for school to start! I hope all of you were able to enjoy the beautiful Oregon summer weather and spend some time with family and friends.

I want to begin by introducing our new classified staff. I'm excited to announce that Lindsay Veit will be joining our staff as a Special Needs Assistant, replacing the retired Denise Guenther. It is also my pleasure to announce that Rachael Gowen is joining our staff as an Educational Assistant. Rachael was hired to replace long-time Educational Assistant Lisa Bader. Unfortunately, I received custodian Steve Cohagen's resignation this summer. Steve's wife accepted a teaching position outside the area and will be moving out of the Silverton community. Our custodial position is currently posted and we hope to have a person hired very soon.

I'm excited to announce that we hired an additional part-time teacher to split the 3/4 blend into individual classrooms for the majority of the school day. Students will receive their math, reading, and writing instruction in individual classrooms, while combining into one class for science and PE. It's my pleasure to announce that Brittany Zurcher has accepted a position to teach this new part-time position. Brittany comes to us having already been an established teacher in the Silver Falls School District. Brittany was originally hired as our 4th grade teacher, however I recently received 3/4 teacher Sarah Dalisky's resignation. Sarah is an aspiring administrator and has accepted a position in another district. Subsequently, Brittany will be teaching 3rd grade rather than 4th, and we have currently posted a full-time 4th grade position. I will obviously be working to have a great 4th grade teacher in place prior to the beginning of the school year.

Attached you will find the meal prices for the 2019-20 school year. Please note the increase in prices. Because Silver Crest participates in the federally funded lunch program, meals can be offered free of charge to any family that qualifies. As such, we ask that families fill out the attached application should you feel you qualify for federal assistance. Lastly, breakfast will be provided free of charge for the first week of school for all students. Feel free to send your student(s) to school for a healthy, free breakfast.

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The Silver Falls School District will continue Early Release Mondays throughout the year. All students will be dismissed 2 hours early beginning at 1:00 on these days. Our first Early Release day is Monday, September 23rd. Please see the attached district calendar of the 2019-20 school year (also available on district website). Note: we have not yet set the date for our annual Open House, but I will be meeting with teachers very soon and will announce that date as soon as it's scheduled.

We are once again asking parents to purchase student supplies through the school. We do this as a convenience for parents along with being able to keep supply costs affordable as we buy in bulk. We began doing this school-wide last year and we have received positive feedback from parents. The cost is \$30.00 for each student and you can make that payment to Danielle in the office. If this cost is a hardship for any reason, please feel free to let me know.

A reminder regarding our bus service: Durham will only stop at the regularly scheduled stops. Additionally, we will continue to transport students from town with pickup and drop-offs at Robert Frost and South Water near the Pioneer Rd. entrance. If you have questions or concerns about bus routes, pickup/drop off sites, etc, please direct those to Durham directly at 503-873-3721.

Kindergarten parents only: Please note that our kindergarten students attend Tuesday and Wednesday during the first week of school. However, Thursday and Friday are reserved for kindergarten assessments and are scheduled by appointment only. You will be notified by Mrs. Guenther which day your kindergarten student will attend and be assessed.

Lastly, the office is open daily beginning at 7:00AM and closing at 3:30PM. However, students are not to be dropped off prior to 7:45. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mark Hannan
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