

# Kindergarten Parent Orientation Information

## **Testing:**

Individual student testing will take place on August 4, 5, and 6. Each child is assigned a date and time. Refer to the *Kindergarten First Days Packet* for your child's specific date and time. The testing will take about 20 minutes. You may want to prepare your child by saying that he/she will be working with the teacher individually and to just try to do his/her best.

## **Small Group Student Orientation:**

Small Group Student Orientation will take place in small groups, on August 7 and 10. Each child will only come on his or her assigned day for the entire school day. Refer to the *Kindergarten First Days Packet* for your child's group. The purpose of the Student Orientation is to ease the children into the routines of school in small groups.

Group A: Friday, August 7 (7:55 am to 11:15 am)

Group B: Monday, August 10 (7:55 am to 11:15 am)

All Kindergarten students report to school on Tuesday, August 11 (7:55 am to 11:15 am).

Early Dismissal will be from August 7 to August 14 the school day will end at 11:15 am.

## **Breakfast:**

Breakfast is served from 7:10 am to 7:40 am. The cost is \$1.10. The students must leave the cafeteria by 7:50 to report to their classroom by 7:55 am. Only students purchasing breakfast are allowed in the cafeteria in the morning.

## **Lunch:**

Lunch (includes milk) costs \$2.50. If your child brings home lunch and would like to purchase milk, the cost of milk is \$0.75.

If your child will be bringing home lunch, please have your child practice opening/closing thermos, containers, packages, etc. Remember to pack all required utensils and napkins. Please label your child's lunch box/bag with his/her name and room number.

## **EZSchoolPay Prepaid Meal Program:**

No money is accepted at the Cafeteria for meals. Payment is accepted online ([ezschoolpay.com](http://ezschoolpay.com)) or at the School Office and should be deposited into your child's account at least one day in advance of meal purchases. Please make an online account to track your child's balance.

### **Prepaid Bus Passes:**

Students riding the bus to and from school will need to have a Prepaid Bus Pass or ticket. Applications are available online and at the Office. Payments for one-way or two-way rides should also be dropped off at the Office.

FSPOs will assist students by walking them to their after school bus lines. Please note: teachers are not responsible for walking the children to class after getting off the bus or for teaching the children where to get off the bus when riding home. You may want to partner your child up with an older sibling or neighbor until your child knows the routine.

### **Attendance Procedure:**

School begins at 7:55 am. Please be prompt. We require written notes for absences upon your child's return to school or call the Office before 8:30 am on the day of your child's absence.

**Tardy:** Your child will need a **Tardy Slip** from the Office if coming to school after 8:00 am.

### **Keep Records Updated:**

Please notify the school of any data changes (phone numbers, care provider changes, significant health data, TDY, etc.).

### **Visitor Tags:**

Due to Health and Safety guidelines, parents or visitors must report to the Office.

### **Student ID Badge:**

All students will be wearing their ID Badges daily. The ID badges are to be left in school. Besides being used for identification purposes, they are used with our EZschoolpay Lunch Program and for borrowing books from the School Library. *There is a charge for replacing a lost or defaced ID Badge.*

### **At Hickam Elementary, we do our best to follow...**

#### **The FALCON Rules:**

- F - Feet and hands to yourself; respect personal space
- A - Always be kind with your words and your actions
- L - Listen with your eyes, ears and heart
- C - Care about people, property and things
- O - Obey the adult in charge
- N - Nice soft voices

#### **The 3 Bs + 1:**

Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be Responsible + Be a Leader

**General Reminders:** Please help us by...

- labeling all personal items including raincoats, jackets, sweaters, change of clothes, as well as classroom supplies.
- sending any money to school in an envelope labeled with your child's name, room number and purpose.

**School Supplies:**

All supplies may be brought on your child's Testing or Small Group Orientation Day. **Label all supplies with your child's name or initials** (e.g. take pencils out of packaging and label each one). Please have your child try to cut with his/her scissors to determine if it works for him/her. We recommend Fiskars. Have portfolios with pockets at the bottom rather than at the sides. Please no 3-prong folders.

**\*\*\* A complete list can be found on our Hickam Elementary website\*\*\***

Please help your child understand that supplies will be kept at school and that the teacher will ration them as needed. They sometimes get upset that supplies must remain at school. You may want to have some supplies to use at home.

**Some things to work on at home:**

- Say his/her full name, address and phone number.
- Dress himself/herself including tying shoes, fastening and unfastening of buttons, belts and zippers
- Clean up after playing by putting toys away.
- Listen when others are speaking.
- Follow directions and be responsible for personal belongings.

**Special Considerations for SY 20-21:**

1. **Face mask** - Students must wear a face mask. Be sure that it is clean and fits properly. Have your child practice putting it on, wearing it for a duration of time, removing it, and being able to put it on again.
2. **Social Distance** - Discuss with your child(ren) the importance of Social Distancing and alternatives to physical contact, such as waving, a shaka, an air hug, etc.
3. **Fine Motor Tasks** - Practice different tasks with your child so that he/she will be able to perform these tasks independently (i.e., opening/closing thermos, lunch containers and packages, fastening and unfastening of buttons, belts and zippers, putting on/removing face masks). The goal is to help your child limit the need for others to touch their property/belongings.

**\*\*\* Please complete & return on your child's Individual Testing Day \*\*\***

## **SCHOOL PLANS FOR SMALL GROUP ORIENTATION DAY**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rm. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch Plans for Small Group Orientation Day** (Your child will be assigned either Friday, August 7 or Monday, August 10):

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will buy school lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will bring home lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will have a drink included in their lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will buy milk at the cafeteria. (Please make lunch payment ahead of time.)

**After School Plans for Small Group Orientation Day** (Dismissal on August 7 through August 14 is at 11:15 am.):

\_\_\_\_\_ An adult or I will pick up my child at the classroom.

Name/phone # of the adult: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ A sibling or another child will pick up my child at the classroom.

Name/room # of the child: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be riding the school bus.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be going to the Youth Center/School Age Center.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be going to A+ Afterschool Program at Hickam Elem.  
Note: Please check with your A+ coordinator for Kindergarten's start date.

## **PLANS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be doing the same as on Orientation Day.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will instead \_\_\_\_\_.