

WELCOME BACK OEISD STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We look forward to seeing all of our students and families on Tuesday, September 5 when school begins for the 2017/2018 school year.

The following are some clarification notes to support all students and parents for Tuesday morning.

- **School Day Start and End Times:** Even though we do not have to make up the time lost with Hurricane Harvey per a letter from TEA last Wednesday, all four campuses begin class at 7:55AM and end the day at 3:45PM. These extra minutes at OES and OIS will be a positive as in extra instructional time (Principals will determine where the extra time will be used) for our students and importantly it will be an additional positive with our bus schedule and student safety as this will allow most student drivers to exit OHS before our busses pull in. Additionally, this prevents elementary students from sitting on a bus and waiting. The campus administration and transportation leaders have worked out plans to move busses and car riders out safely and timely. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation.

- **Arrival on Tuesday Morning:** For OES, Mrs. Martinez is providing her staff rosters to assist parents as they arrive as to help students and parents find their classrooms and meet their teachers for the first time.

At OIS and OJH, students report to the Cafetorium (old HS) and there will be signs with grade level numbers identified to assist students and parents to find their group.

At OHS, students report to the High School Cafetorium and directions will be provided. Parents and students, please take a drive around Owl Square this afternoon being Monday, SEPT 3 and check out the traffic direction signs as that will help for Tuesday morning.

- We welcome all parents on Tuesday and due to our postponement of Meet the Teacher Night , we are here to help and support in any manner possible.

- OEISD will apply for two waivers regarding food service for ALL enrolled students which would allow ALL STUDENTS FREE BREAKFAST and LUNCH up until SEPT 30. The second exemption is regarding menu items that do not follow the Texas Department of Agriculture food guidelines as we may not be able to receive all menu items they require. This would allow our food service Director, Mrs Janie Luna, the ability to prepare food at her discretion and based on food items she can acquire. For Tuesday, plan on providing money for breakfast/ lunch as you normally would and if the approval is secured by Tuesday, students paying would NOT be charged. Also if your child receives free or reduced meal prices, those would in effect on Tuesday until we get the waiver cleared for all students.

- **Bus Riders-** Rosters were created from our AUGUST 23rd Schedule Pick-up day and if you did not come that day, and your child will ride a bus, you will need to make contact with Francis Villegas in the Transportation office at 368-8121 ext 266 to verify bus services for Tuesday. We have revised bus guidelines and once received, we ask each parent to go over the expectations with their children to assure safety and a positive experience daily for all. Bus Drivers will be going over the guidelines with their riders.

- Schedule Pick-up for students not attending on AUG 23rd- Parents and Students please go to OJH Library at 8:30 and please be prepared to complete the final steps for registering. Please go to www.oeisd and click on student registration to review and be prepared for final enrollment steps.

Thank you all and we look forward to an OWLSTANDING School Year!

Dr. Lisa A. Gonzales

Superintendent