



FAIR HAVEN GRADE SCHOOL

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WELCOME BACK FAIR HAVEN GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS! Fair Haven Grade School opens August 26th for all students, Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight. A special welcome to all new students, EEE (Bright Beginnings), Kindergarteners, Fair Haven and West Haven students. The opening bell will ring at 8:15, and will be the start to a full day of school for grades EEE through 8, ending at 3:00 P.M. Walkers should arrive at 8:15, unless eating breakfast at school which begins at 8:00. All students will be greeted and assisted to classrooms upon arrival.

BREAKFAST -- Breakfast will be available to all students beginning on opening day. Breakfast price is 85 cents. Breakfast is FREE for students who qualify for free OR reduced lunch. The breakfast cafeteria opens at 7:45 a.m. each morning. Bus students will eat breakfast upon arrival. Breakfast meals are simple hand foods (muffins, toast, fruit), and/or eggs, breakfast sandwiches, cereal, and milk or juice. Snack milk or juice is **50 cents**. More information about the breakfast and hot lunch programs will be sent home opening day.

HOT LUNCH -- Hot lunch will be served the first day of school at Fair Haven Grade School. The full price student lunch is **\$1.75** and a reduced priced lunch is **75 cents**. The price for cold lunch milk is **50 cents**, juice is **50 cents**. Our school lunch/breakfast envelope is extremely helpful for parents and the cafeteria. Please watch for them to come home. A full explanation of the school lunch envelope system, free and reduced price lunch is in the **STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK**. Please remember, students must bring a hot lunch envelope for each week.

MENU – Wed., August 26 – Healthy salad, or deli choices, or pasta bar, meat or meatless sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, baked dessert, milk; Thurs., August 27 – Healthy salad, or deli choices, Cheesy bread sticks, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk; Fri., August 28 – Healthy salad, or deli choices, or pepperoni or chef's specialty pizza, tossed salad, chilled mixed fruit, healthy dessert, milk.

MEDICATION -- If your child requires medication of any kind, please make our school nurses aware. There are policies regarding administering medication in schools. Look for the **EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD** to come home. Please fill it out completely and return it to school. Other pertinent medical information should be communicated directly to the School Nurses. Mrs. Waite or Mrs. Munger, School Nurses, will contact parents of children with individual needs such as current immunization and other health related issues.

SPORTS PHYSICALS will be available to students in grades 3 – 8 for a nominal fee of \$5.00. Physicals will be Wednesday, September 2 for boys and girls starting at 8:30 am at school. Students scheduled for a physical will be called from their classrooms. A \$5.00 fee along with a permission slip will be necessary. Students planning to participate in any sport during the school year must have a physical annually.

The Grade School will continue the **CHILD SECURE PROGRAM**. It is very helpful and would be appreciated if you (parent) call to let us know when your child will not be in school. If your child is not in attendance, and parents have not notified the school, Mrs. Demasi, Mrs. Ramey or Mrs. Langmaid, (school secretaries) will call home to verify the absence.

SCHOOL PICTURES are scheduled for October 14 and 15. More information will be forthcoming.

NO PARKING SIGNS AND CONES are in place in front of the school. It is done with the safety of your children in mind. No parking means better visibility for crossing guards and students as they cross a busy street each morning and afternoon. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION (Bright Beginnings) is part of our school community. Mrs. Teann McCrea, pre-school teacher, is available to answer your questions and assist you. For more information, call 265-3883.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES may be arranged through the office. Fair Haven Grade School encourages parent-teacher communication. During the school day, we do require that all visitors report to the main office. The office will make arrangements for you to meet and visit with the classroom teacher. Parents are also reminded that Mrs. Deb Smith,

Special Services Director; Mrs. Patricia Davenport, Assistant Principal; and our guidance counselor, Mrs. JoAnna Surething, are available for parents and students. They may be contacted by calling the school, 265-3883.

Parents are reminded to watch for numerous forms that come home the first week of school. They include the usual hot lunch, insurance forms, emergency cards, and the **STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK**. We ask that you read the handbook with your child. It provides much information which will be helpful to you both.

Your child(ren) will also bring home an **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING** form. The form will ask you, as parent, how to proceed to ensure your child gets home safely in the event of an emergency closing. These directions are kept by each classroom teacher and the main office. Should an emergency closing occur prior to 3:00 P.M., we will refer to your directions to get your child(ren) home safely. Parents will be notified of an emergency closing via the AlertNow System. Accurate and up to date information for the AlertNow system will be critical to its effectiveness, and our ability to make contact. Please keep the school informed of any changes to contact phone numbers. More information about AlertNow will come home the first week of school, but if you have questions, please call.

Fair Haven Grade School reminds parents who do not want their child(ren) name/picture publicized for any reason to indicate that notification in a letter to the Fair Haven Grade School Principal's office by Friday, August 28, 2009. Examples of the school's publications include athletic events, honor roll lists, music or drama performances, school newsletters and similar student activities. Unless written notification is received from parents by the school, it will be assumed that publication is agreeable.

Fair Haven Grade School does extend a warm welcome to all students, Fair Haven and West Haven. **Kindergarten** parents are reminded to confirm transportation arrangements for their youngsters. Please contact the school as soon as you have transportation plans finalized.

Everyone at Fair Haven Grade School is looking forward to the 2009-10 school year. The enthusiasm and excitement is evident throughout the school. Fair Haven Grade School will have some first day activities for all students to get the year off to a great start. Parents are encouraged to be involved with their child's education through every channel available. Collectively, we will provide your child the best education possible.

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