



A Note from the Principal

September 2020

It is an honor to return for my 5th year to Meyer Elementary School; entering my 30th in education. I am your proud principal, Mrs. Ptasnik (or Mrs. P as many call me). Our staff is ready to launch a learning journey like never before; and we are so excited to welcome all the little owls back to school.

When we closed our building in March due to COVID-19, many of us never imagined the continued challenges that would present themselves along the way. I am so proud to be a part of a team that worked tirelessly over the last 5 months to be ready for the return of staff and students.

Communication will be key! As well as adaptability, flexibility, and grace in all things. We have a solid plan, but know we could be detoured at any time by this virus. Please take a moment to be sure you understand your responsibility in helping us to keep everyone healthy.

Our COVID-19 Student Protocol can be found at:

<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/f60eeba123954e1f850fc24690ffbe30.pdf>

These first few days we will be overly teaching routines, to include handwashing and social distancing. Additionally we will be exposing our face-to-face learners to the remote learning platform, Canvas. We all need to gain proficiency, as this will be the instructional model used if we are closed by local or state officials. Our remote learners will be logging in daily to complete their work with the help of a loved one. Soon we will find the momentum necessary to see our students making forward progress at school and at home.

Our district website, campus Facebook, and campus Twitter pages will be of great help.

Lots of information is being shared to help us all ease into this back to school model.

Hondo ISD - <https://www.hondoisd.net/>

Meyer Elementary School - <https://meyerelemhondoisdtx.schoolinsites.com/>

Meyer Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/hondomeyerelementary>

Meyer Twitter - https://twitter.com/meyer_hondoisd

When you call Meyer Elementary help us by utilizing the auto attendant. After dialing 830.426.3161 press:

Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
<i>Head Start</i>	<i>Attendance & Student Records</i>	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>Principal's Secretary</i>	<i>Counselor</i>	<i>Asst. Principal</i>	<i>Principal</i>

This year you will see many new faces. We are happy to have them “owl” join our Meyer Elementary Team.



Mrs. Lauren Busse is our new Assistant Principal. She was formally the counselor at Woolls Intermediate. She is a great addition to our leadership team.

WELCOME to our new staff:

Ashley Etheridge – 1st Grade Teacher

Ashley Grissom – 1st Grade Teacher

Amy Iacono – 2nd Grade Teacher

Andrea Johnson – 1st Grade Teacher

Stephanie Moye – Instructional Assistant

Danielle Padron – Instructional Assistant

Jennifer (Brooke) Roberts – Special Education Team

Kendra Spangler – Special Education Team

We will continue to monitor the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics for guidelines; and follow all Texas Education Agency’s mandates. At this time we plan to ask you to elect your instructional model (face-to-face OR remote) for the second 6 weeks in early October.

Be aware that we will have beginning of the year assessments; and our remote students will be asked to schedule a time to come to campus to complete these for us. These assessments are important to teachers as they use the data to inform their instruction. Middle and end of the year assessments will be given as well to progress monitor; with a goal to see forward progress (improvement) for all students.

If you are learning at home, please be sure to allow your little one to gain independence. Guide them, but don’t do it for them. As we get into routines, you can expect the equivalent of about 3 hours of online work per day on average. Some children will finish earlier and some will take longer, but we will design the lessons with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills as our roadmap. Daily engagement online is required to be counted present for our remote learners.

Please be sure to log on to Family Access and complete your beginning of the year forms. This is very important for ALL children. We appreciate your partnership as we launch the 2020-2021 school year; together!

WE ARE MEYER!