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David Paterson IB PYP Candidate School

The David Paterson IB PYP candidate Elementary School is committed to building partnerships with students, staff, parents, and the community to develop life-long learners through rigorous inquiry and empowerment, our learners will be equipped to become college and career ready and exemplify attributes and skills of a 21st century global citizen.



School Motto: Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. Although this will be a unique year, the staff and I are looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning. **School re-opens on Thursday, September 9, 2021, for all students.** We ask that all parents monitor their child for symptoms that could be Covid related prior to sending your child to school. Those symptoms include fever, sore throat, vomiting, loss of taste or smell, have a fever of 100° or higher, child test positive or have been in close contact with someone who tested positive. If your child meets any of these criteria, they should be should not attend school and we recommend they be seen by a physician prior to returning. Students should report to school at 8:30 a.m. All students **MUST** wear a face mask indoors and outside. Random temperature checks will take place. Each student should line-up behind their room number or portable letter. Social distancing of 3 feet is expected at all times. To ensure a safe environment, **parents will not be allowed within the front or back gates.** A designated staff member will ensure that your child safely gets to class. All parent meetings will be by phone, virtual or in-person (by appointment only). We encourage you to call the school or email any questions that you may have prior to the first day.

To keep everyone safe, please stress to your child the importance of keeping his/her mask on in school unless instructed otherwise by school staff.

Breakfast will be served in the classroom from 8:35 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. If your child does not eat breakfast in school, please make sure he/she eats a healthy breakfast at home. School lunch will be provided and served in the classroom. Refer to the following link for additional information regarding food services:

<https://www.hempsteadschools.org/Page/260>.

All students are expected to follow the district dress code below.

The *dress code* for David Paterson School is as follows:

- White or Blue button-down or polo shirt
- Navy blue or khaki (beige) bottoms
 - Skirts must be finger-tip length
- Shoes – Sneakers or dark blue or black school shoes with rubber bottoms (NO OPEN TOE SHOES OR SANDALS WILL BE ALLOWED)

Enclosed are the following forms:

- Student Emergency
- Dismissal
- Lunch Application

Particularly during this pandemic, it is imperative that all forms be **completed and returned by September 9, 2021.**

Your child's teacher, and classroom number is listed below:

Teacher: **Location:**

Please write your child's teacher's name, and classroom number in all their notebooks.

A copy of the Supply List is also enclosed. Please make sure your child's items are in a sturdy bag(s) and labeled with your child's name, their teacher

Dismissal Locations: Beginning the 1st day of school, students in portables and Bus/Van/Day Care/etc. students will be dismissed in the front of the school (Fulton Ave). All other students will be dismissed from their designated areas.

To promote safety, there will be staggered dismissal. Times will be as follows:

- **GRADES 5 & 6** - 2:50 p.m.
- **GRADES 3 & 4** - 2:55 p.m.
- **GRADES 1 & 2** - 3:00 p.m.

Please make the necessary arrangements to have your child picked up by the adult listed on the Dismissal/Student Emergency Form on time. **ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING DAYCARE PROVIDERS, PICKING UP A CHILD MUST PRESENT A PICTURE ID.**

Orientation for incoming 1st grade students and new students will be Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID- 995-7434-2462 Password- paterson21

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at (516) 434-4452. I am looking forward to seeing you and your child on **September 9, 2021.** Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Mr. Gary Rush
Principal