

Dear Kindergarten Caregivers,

Welcome to Highland Park!! We are looking forward to working with you and your child this school year. We thought we'd send you a quick note describing our Rally Day/Meet Your Teacher on Friday, August 12th and our opening day procedures so that we can lessen any first day of school anxieties---for you, your child, or us!

1. First things first. If your child is no longer planning on attending HP or there have been changes in the registration material you submitted in the spring, please contact the office immediately (512-414-2090).
2. Rally Day/Meet Your Teacher will be from 9:00-10:45 am Fri. August 12th. We kindly ask that students with last names starting with A-M attend from 9:00-9:45. Students with last names starting with N-Z attend from 10:00-10:45. At these times, students are invited to tour their classroom, meet their teacher(s) and drop off their school supplies*. The Kinder classes are located on the breezeway (rooms 401-404) and room 106. You may also join the PTA in our cafeteria and look at the school during Rally Day.
3. Cafeteria and Lunchroom Procedures Your child can bring their lunch from home or purchase a school lunch tray (includes milk). If you prefer to send lunch, milk can be purchased separately. At this time, lunch prices are not posted for the new school year. We do ask that each child has money in their lunch account--just in case.
You can do this two ways:
 - a. You can go online and put money in your child's account-**this is the preferred method**. AISD uses www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD. To view balances or add money to a meal account, a SchoolCafé account must be created by visiting www.schoolcafe.com or by downloading the SchoolCafé mobile application available on Apple and Android devices.
 - b. You can also send cash with your child—if possible, please send two weeks worth of lunch money or more at a time in an envelope/ziploc baggie with your child's name, teacher's name and amount on the outside.
 - c. Applications for free or reduced lunch are available at-
www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD
4. Supplies* If you pre-purchased your child's school supplies in April/May, they will be delivered to your child's teacher. Teachers will store and label items for the children. If you did not pre-purchase supplies, see the shopping list below and bring the supplies to the Open House in a bag labeled with the child's name - **no need to label individual items**.

School Supply List- Kindergarten

- 1 LARGE Backpack-large enough to hold winter coats, plus regular school items (folders, library books, etc.) LABELED with your child's name
- 1 school supply box 1 box (8-24 count) colored pencils
- 2 boxes crayons-16-24 colors (regular size)
- 1 glue, white liquid-4oz.
- 2 wide ruled 70 sheet spiral notebook
- 2 regular size glue sticks (.21 oz)
- 2 marker packs-Fine Tip and Broad Tip-regular colors
- 1 box Kleenex/Tissues

- 2 pocket folders - pocket only (NO brads, please)
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 box (8-16 count) colored pencils

5. Tennis shoes are the most appropriate footwear for kindergarten students since they will be exercising and running daily. Please try to not send your child to school wearing boots, dress shoes, sandals or flip flops.

6. Medical- All prescription medication must be taken to the HP office and checked in. Medication can only be administered by the school nurse or office staff.

7. The Kindergarten Gate is where Kinder students will enter school and be dismissed from each day. The Kindergarten Gate opens in the morning at 7:30 am and then at the end of the school day at 3:05 pm. It is locked each day at 7:45 and is not an entrance/exit during the school day.

8. On Monday, Aug. 15th, Kindergarten students will report to their classrooms starting at 7:30 a.m. Please help ensure a smooth transition with a quick hug and good-bye at the Kinder gate. The Kindergarten teachers will be out on the breezeway (as well as other HP staff) to help the children find their classrooms. Parents are invited to the Back-to-School Coffee in the cafeteria from 7:45-8:30 am where you can visit and meet other "new" parents.

9. Please note Back to School Night (parents/adults only, please) is on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd from 5:30-6:15 pm in your child's classroom.

10. PLEASE bring the following dismissal instructions to the Highland Park OPEN HOUSE/RALLY DAY on Friday, August 12 or send them with your child on the first day of school.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to a great school year!!

The Highland Park Kindergarten Teachers

 At 3:05 pm (after school) my child (first and last name), _____,
 will leave school via

_____ the _____ bus (list animal name or bus number)

_____ a carpool with _____

_____ Crenshaw's

_____ Other childcare program _____

_____ HP After School Care

_____ Caregiver/Sitter Pick-up from Kinder gate*

*Please try to stand in designated areas—each area will have a sign and will be for each Kinder classroom.