



2021 Back to School Newsletter

August 18, 2021

Hi Hancock Family!

It's hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year will begin in just a couple of weeks. We have been working hard over the summer to ensure we are ready to open our doors. For some students it has been over 18 months since they have been in the building. We are here to help your child(ren) ease back into the swing of things.



Save the Date: Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 23, 2021. The event will be offered in-person and virtually and will take place in the evening 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Parents will learn about their child's schedule, routines, and classroom expectations. More information will come during the first week of school.

Finally, all homeroom assignments will be shared with you by the end of next week. You will receive an email with your child's teacher assignment. Please call the school office at 610.275.5522 and leave a message or email Mrs. Sene at Ksene@nasd.k12.pa.us if you do not receive your child's homeroom assignment by Friday, August 27th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brooke Vaught
Principal
Hancock Elementary School

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **2021-22 Elementary Parent Workshops:** [Join us for our monthly workshops](#)
- **Community Resources:** [Click here](#)
- **Staff List (email):** [How to email your child's teacher](#)
- **Day 1 of School:** The first day of school is Monday, August 30, 2021 for grades 1-4. Our school day begins at 9:05 AM and ends at 3:20 PM. Staff supervision of students begins at 8:50 AM at our bus loop & car rider entrances into school. Doors close and lock at 9:00 AM to the bus loop drop-off and 9:10 AM to the car rider door drop-off. After 9:10 AM, all students must report to the office window with an adult before entering the building.
- **Chromebooks:** Students will need to bring their fully charged Chromebook to school each day. Any broken Chromebooks can be fixed at the IT loading dock on the side of the administration building now and until the school year begins.
- **Important Dates:** Please see below for important school events/dates. We will continue to update our school calendar throughout the summer. **District Calendar**
- **School Supply List:** [Hancock List](#)
- **2021-2022 District/School Goals:** This year our district and school will be focusing on the following goals: Building on/Improving our community engagement, Becoming a more authentically culturally responsive organization, and Increasing student achievement. This will be reflected in our parent workshops and staff PD.
- Are students required to wear a uniform? Hancock will align with the **suggested** school uniform program (introduced 19-20 school year). The uniform will consist of khaki or blue pants or skirts and blue or white tops. Suggested; not required this year.

2021 Important Dates: Additional dates will be added to the list over the summer. To access the entire District Calendar, click on the following link. [District Calendar](#)

- **August 30th** - First day of school 1-4
- **September 23** - Open House 5:30-7:30 pm



- **September 27th** - Fall School Picture Day
- **November 23rd** - Fall Conferences (evening)
- **November 24th** - Fall Conferences (morning)
- **April 7th & 8th** - Spring Conferences (afternoon)
- **PSSA testing window** (students in grades 3 & 4)
 - English Language Arts is April 25 – April 29, 2022
 - Mathematics & Science is May 2 – May 6 and May 9 - May 13, 2022.
 - Test administration is scheduled to begin at 9:30 on testing days
 - Please avoid these dates when planning to miss school where possible.

2021 Mid-Summer Newsletter

August 3, 2021

Hi Hancock Family!

I hope that everyone is thoroughly enjoying their summer vacation with your loved ones. As we prepare for a new in person welcome, there are some important things I wanted to share with you. Moving forward all communication will come via *TalkingPoints*. We have dissolved the behavior management system Dojo. Please make sure that we have an updated email for your family. Lastly, masks will be mandatory for everyone at Hancock this Fall. I know we hoped to be mask free but with the rise of the Delta variant of COVID-19, we need to take precautions. Thank you for your flexibility and ongoing cooperation for the safety of our school family.



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- **Summer Activities:** Your child will have access to the IXL learning platform throughout the summer. We would encourage students to spend about 30 minutes a week working on this program (15 minutes in each subject). Students can access it through their Chromebook.
- **Summer Reading:** We would also encourage each student to spend 15 minutes a day reading. If you need ideas or helpful tips please click on the link below:
 - [Summer Reading Tips](#)
- **Summer Mailing:** Our summer mailing (email), which includes homeroom teacher assignments and other important school policy information, is tentatively scheduled for the end of August. Please contact the school office if your email address has changed.
 - Homeroom assignments will be included in the August mailing (email).
 - Student placement is a very complex process. We take many variables into account:
 - Careful consideration for the educational needs and learning style of each child.



- Factors that relate to programs such as special education, speech, gifted & talented, English language learners, and other related services.
- Parental input that focuses on instructional factors, social and emotional needs and family relationships.
- Peer social dynamics, health needs, and gender ratios are important considerations.
- Overall class makeup to create a productive, caring, academically balanced, and successful learning environment.
- We appreciate that you accept school placement decisions as final. Thank you
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- **School Office:** The school office will be closed July 30th - August 9th. Mrs. Sene will be returning on August 10th. Please email me at Ksene@nasd.k12.pa.us if you have any questions. You can also call the administration building at 610-630-5000 if you have any questions pertaining to the upcoming school year.
- **School Supply List:** [Hancock List](#)