



Dear CCSD59 Parents and Families,

It is with great pride that I welcome parents, families, and students to the 2017 - 2018 school year. I'm looking forward to continuing our partnership to provide a meaningful learning experience for all students. As we consider the work ahead in the coming school year, we must always be thinking about how we can most effectively equip our students to be prepared for a future world that may look completely different when they graduate from CCSD59, high school, or college.

During the 2017 - 2018 year, we will continue to build on the foundational work we have been accomplishing over the past several years. Our focus includes:

- An ongoing emphasis on social-emotional learning and the impact it has on students' learning and development. Over the past three years, CCSD59 embedded social-emotional learning opportunities throughout the daily schedule to specifically work on building community, strengthening self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship skills, and developing responsible decision making capacities.
- Continuing to develop a modern curriculum and teaching strategies. We will continue building our new learning maps based on district outcomes, applied content outcomes, and subject area understandings to create powerful learning experiences for all students. This work is supported through our weekly staff and leadership training.
- A deep dive into literacy and math (reading and writing) with the goal of developing passionate readers, writers, and mathematicians. By incorporating powerful strategies like the reading, writing, and math workshops, staff will continue to develop and model the skills and dispositions needed to be literate in the modern world.
- This year, we will increase early intervention strategies and services for students and families, providing increased support for them prior to entering CCSD59 schools. In the fall, CCSD59 will launch our birth to age 8 plans for early interventions for literacy, math, and social-emotional learning, as we believe that intervening at an earlier age will increase readiness of students for entry into our schools.

Collectively, the district is called upon to create an effective educational experience designed to meet the needs of all learners - preparing each for the 21st century. School and parent partnerships play a vital role in this preparation. Your encouragement and support of your child's educational journey is paramount to achieving student success.

On behalf of the CCSD59 Board of Education, administration, and staff, I would like to welcome you to a new and exciting year, and best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Art Fessler, Superintendent of Schools



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Home of the Elks! Enclosed in this mailing is information pertaining to the upcoming school year. We are excited for the 2017-2018 school year! We have an amazing group of teachers, educational service personnel, coaches, support staff, and administrators who collaborate to give our students a cutting edge junior high school experience!

Our goal is to prepare students for success in life! To accomplish this, students engage in a rigorous comprehensive curriculum that emphasizes best practices in education. We look to create "thinking" classrooms where student ideas are a valued and utilized part of the program. Special emphasis is made on student collaboration, problem-solving, and digital literacy. Our collaborative staff works very hard to develop a standards-based curriculum that is aligned throughout the content and grade levels toward a set of learning standards focused on what students can do.

We offer over forty extracurricular opportunities! These include athletic, artistic, social, and leadership programs. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to supplement their education and make lifelong connections with other students and adults. We also offer a variety of electives that stimulate a myriad of interests ranging from art and music to innovative technology education. These programs are led by dedicated teachers looking to inspire our students and create pathways for the future. We have something to offer every student.

Our faculty, staff, and administration is focused on the absolute best for every child! We will do everything we can do to provide life long opportunities for our students. Our hope is to build partnerships with our community and families. Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to supporting you in any way possible.

Best regards!

John Harrington
Principal

For more information please visit:

<http://grove.ccsd59.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GroveJuniorHighSchool>

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Below is some important information about student "Drop Off" and "Pick up" at Grove Junior High.

Drop Off -

The East parking lot (shown as area #3 on the attached map) and the South parking lot nearest the main entrance of the school (shown as area #2 on the attached map) are designated bus drop off areas. Please note we have seventeen buses moving through those parking lots before and after school. Also, the Northeast parking lot (shown on the map as area #4) is not a student drop off area. We ask that you please avoid dropping students off in those parking lots before and after school (7:20 to 7:40 am in the morning and 2:35 to 3:05 pm in the afternoon). When this happens it creates a potentially dangerous situation. Additionally, please refrain from executing U-turns in the parking lot as again this creates dangerous conditions for all.

Please note that a specific student drop off area has been designated in the West parking lot (shown as area #1 on the back of this letter). When dropping students off in this area please pull as far forward as possible and refrain from double parking. This will create the safest possible situation for everyone.

Pick Up -

Again, please note we have seventeen buses moving through those parking lots before and after school. We ask that you please avoid picking up students in those parking lots after school until after the buses are gone (roughly 3:05 pm). Additionally, please refrain from executing U-turns or double parking in any of the parking lot as again this creates dangerous conditions for all.

We understand all the challenges that can go along with transporting our students to and from school. By no means is it our intention to make that process cumbersome, but our duty and desire to create the safest possible environment for you and our students makes it imperative that we review these procedures. Thank you so much for your consideration. If you have concerns, or if we can help in any way please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you!

John Harrington



June 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The faculty at Grove Junior High and the families in our community share the belief that children deserve enhanced opportunities to grow into healthy, strong, and independent readers and writers. To this goal, the reading department encourages students to spend time this summer reading and discussing books together with parents and family members. Research indicates that parents play an important role in fostering literacy, especially when they engage children in discussions about what they have read or respond sincerely to the ideas they write.

This summer we urge students to find time to read. As an incentive, students may choose one of their summer reading selections and receive credit toward their independent reading requirements for the year. Simply write the title and author of the completed book, along with a parent or guardian's signature for verification of completion.

To help students select an appropriate book, visit the Grove website, click on Students, and then click on Learning Resource Center (Library). Scroll down to the What Should I Read Next section. There, students will find different lists of books, including the titles for Battle of the Books, Rebecca Caudill Award nominees, and Lincoln Award nominees. Also, the Teen Section of the Elk Grove Village Public Library has additional titles to consider.

It is when families, schools, and organizations such as our PTO unite to encourage and support literacy that we improve and inspire learning. We are sincerely grateful.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to welcoming you to Grove this fall.

Mr. John Harrington
Principal

Ms. L. Johnson
Reading Department Chair

Mrs. Sofia Huitron
LRC Director



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB PARA ENCONTRAR MÁS INFORMACIÓN ACERCA DE:
ODWIEDŹ NASZĄ STRONĘ INTERNETOWĄ, ABY ZNALEŹĆ WIĘCEJ INFORMACJI DOTYCZĄCYCH:

CCSD59.ORG/BACKTOSCHOOL

School Supply Lists

- Listas de útiles escolares
- Listy przyborów szkolnych

Family Reference Guide

- Guía de Referencia Familiar
- Przewodnik dla rodziców

Menus

- Menús
- Jadłospis

Healthy Snacks

- Meriendas saludables
- Zdrowe przekąski

Transportation Information

- Información sobre transporte
- Informacja dotycząca przewozów uczniów

Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals

- Solicitud para comidas gratis y a precio reducido
- Podanie o darmowe lub częściowo odpłatne posiłki

Ability to Pay School Fees and Make Deposits into Your Student's Meal Account

- Pago de cuotas escolares y depósitos a la cuenta de almuerzo
- Możliwość dokonania opłat szkolnych i wpłat na Studenet's Meal Account (konto opłat za wyżywienie ucznia)

**AUGUST
2017**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - August 16, 23, 30

- 14 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
- 15 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
- 16 First Day of Student Attendance - Grades 1 through 8
- 17 First Day of Student Attendance - Kindergarten

**SEPTEMBER
2017**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - September 6, 13, 20, 27

- 4 Labor Day - School Closed

**OCTOBER
2017**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - October 4, 11, 18, 25

- 4 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences
- 5 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences
- 6 Non Attendance Day - School Closed
- 9 Columbus Day - School Closed

**NOVEMBER
2017**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - November 1, 8, 15, 29

- 21 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)
- 22 Non Attendance Day - School Closed
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed
- 24 Non Attendance Day - School Closed

**DECEMBER
2017**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - December 6, 13, 20

- 20 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break)
- 21 - 29 Winter Break - School Closed

**JANUARY
2018**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - January 10, 17, 24, 31

- 1-5 Winter Break Continues - School Closed
- 8 Classes Resume
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed

**FEBRUARY
2018**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - February 7, 14, 21, 28

- 14 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences
- 15 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences
- 16 Non Attendance Day - School Closed
- 19 Presidents' Day - School Closed

**MARCH
2018**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - March 7, 14, 21

- 20 Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students
- 23 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday)
- 26 - 30 Spring Break - School Closed

**APRIL
2018**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - April 4, 11, 18, 25

- 2 Classes Resume

**MAY
2018**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 28 Memorial Day - School Closed

**JUNE
2018**

Wednesday Schedule: Students Dismissed One Hour Early - June 6

- 8 Last Day of Student Attendance (Tentative)

August 2017

Dear Grove Jr. High School Parents:

In the unfortunate event that an emergency or crisis situation occurs in our area during the school day, we want you to know that Grove Jr. High School is prepared. With the help of the Elk Grove Village Fire and Police Departments, we have designed a Standardized School Crisis Plan that will assist us in effectively responding to these types of situations.

While your natural instinct as a parent in an emergency is to go to your child's school to safeguard him/her, please understand that doing so may significantly impede our response capabilities as well as those of our local emergency responders. It is vital that school officials and the Police and Fire Departments have access to our buildings to manage the situation and give care to students. In addition, it may be necessary to evacuate students to another location if there is immediate danger.

In an emergency or crisis situation, we need your cooperation and assistance and ask that you please follow the guidelines below:

- In the event of a crisis that requires an evacuation/relocation of students, please await information sent to you from the school via the School Messenger system. While it is important to keep our phone lines open during an emergency, please be aware of the following important numbers:
 - **CCSD59 Administrative Building: (847) 593-4300**
 - **Grove Main Office: (847) 593-4367**
- Check the CCSD59 website at www.ccsd59.org for information on the situation. In some emergency or crisis situations, it may be necessary to relocate to another facility for safety reasons. Please note your school's relocation site:
 - **Hattendorf Center 225 Elk Grove Blvd. - Elk Grove Village 60007**
- When you travel to the reunification site, please be sure to bring **picture identification**. We will only release students to their legal guardians, or the authorized individuals as listed on your child's emergency forms.

Enclosed you will find quick reference wallet cards with the above information for your use. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Our ultimate goal is to keep your children safe while they are under our care.

Thank you.



Dr. Art Fessler, Superintendent of Schools



**AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF
RETURNING 3RD & RETURNING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY ***

Effective beginning in the 2017 - 2018 school year, parents and guardians of all students of returning 3rd and returning 6th grades must prove CCSD59 residency **at the student's school of attendance** in the following time frame:

- For balanced calendar students (Ridge): Between July 10 - 19 at Ridge Family Center for Learning
- For traditional calendar students (all other schools): Between August 1 - August 10 at the student's school

Proof of residency at the school is only required for students returning to 3rd and returning to 6th grades. Students in these grades will not be allowed to begin school until residency is proven.

*If any student is new to the district for the 17-18 school year, parents/guardians will be required to provide evidence of residency at the time of the new registration. Therefore, if a child is entering school as a **new** kindergarten student, 3rd, or 6th grader, proof of residency is required at the time of the new registration. Proof of residency therefore does NOT need to re-proven at the school during the 7/10 - 7/19 and 8/1 - 8/10 requirement at the school.

Acceptable Documents for Proving Residency:

Category A: One (1) Document Required

Most recent Real Estate Tax Bill for my Residence
Mortgage Papers
Signed and Dated Lease

Category B: Two (2) Documents Required

Driver's License
Vehicle Registration
Voter Registration
Current Public Aid Card
Current Homeowners/Renters Insurance
Policy and Premium Payment Receipt
Most Recent Gas, Electric and/or Water Bill
Most Recent Cable or Credit Card Bill
Receipt for Moving Company Services
Showing Current Address

Please note, CCSD59 reserves the right to evaluate the evidence present and merely presenting the items listed below does not guarantee admission. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Consolidated School District 59
School Lunch and Breakfast Program



CCSD59 participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program and is committed to providing quality, nutritious and satisfying meals to all children each school day. Meal components include protein, fruit, vegetables, grains, and milk. All children participating in the Lunch and Breakfast Program must select at least three items including a fruit or a vegetable in order for a meal to be considered complete.

Under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, free and reduced-price meals are available for children whose family qualifies based on size of household and income level. Applications for this program are available each August. Completed applications can be submitted to your school office or to the Administration Building. If you qualify for this benefit you will be notified by letter and confidentiality will be maintained.

MealTime Computerized Meal Accounts

CCSD59 uses MealTime, a software program that permits each child to have a personal meal account. Parents simply deposit money into the child's account and, as the child goes through the service line, the cost of the meal is deducted from their personal account using an ID card. **Low Balance Statements will be emailed when accounts are running low.**

To make a deposit using a credit card, you can use MealTime Online. MealTime Online also permits parents to view their child's purchase history and their current balance. Directions for setting up a MealTime Online account are available on the District's website at www.ccsd59.org.

If you prefer, you can simply send cash or check to school in an envelope marked "LUNCH DEPOSIT" with your child's name, ID number, and amount of deposit. Checks should be made payable to Community Consolidated School District 59.

If you have any questions regarding MealTime or the Lunch and Breakfast Program, please call Stacey Manwell at 847-593-4341 or Jan Fisher at 847-593-4338.

Information is also available on the CCSD59 website at www.ccsd59.org

MEAL DEPOSIT FORM

STUDENT NAME(S)
(Please print)

GRADE

STUDENT ID

DEPOSIT AMOUNT \$ _____

CASH ☐ **CHECK** ☐ **CHECK NUMBER** _____

LUNCH PRICES:	\$2.75
BREAKFAST PRICES:	\$1.30
A LA CARTE MILK PRICE:	\$0.40



**IMPORTANT!
ALTERNATE LUNCH POLICY**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires every school district that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to have a written policy for unpaid meal charges.

The policy pertains to families who have children participating in the lunch program at the paid or reduced rate, but do not have money in their account, or in hand, to cover the cost of the meal at the time of service. CCSD59's procedures outline how these situations will be handled and are intended to provide a consistent practice to reduce confusion for families and students.

Please find School District 59's procedures related to unpaid meal charges for both elementary and junior high students included with this letter.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that children have an adequate lunch from home or sufficient funds to purchase school meals. It is strongly suggested that parents/guardians use MealTime Online (www.mymealtime.com) to monitor their student's meal account. MealTime Online can also be used to conveniently make deposits to ensure your child has consistent access to nutritious and healthy meals without accruing unpaid meal balances. There are no fees related to this convenience.

If you have questions regarding this change in alternate meal procedures, please contact the School Nutrition Office at 847-593-4341 or 847-593-4338.

Sincerely,
Janet L. Fisher
Purchasing and School Nutrition Coordinator



ALTERNATE LUNCH PROCEDURES 2017-2018
ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

Alternate Lunch Procedures

An Alternate Lunch is different than the daily advertised meal and is provided to students who have exceeded the established maximum negative balance and do not bring a lunch from home or money to purchase lunch. Students will be allowed to charge meals however, when the negative balance reaches (-\$8.00) for a Paid student and (-\$1.50) for a Reduced student an Alternate Lunch will be provided.

In these situations, the student will be provided an **Alternate Lunch Ticket**. The Alternate Lunch Ticket allows the student the option of a cheese or sunbutter sandwich in place of the daily entree. In addition, they may select the offered side items and a milk. The alternate lunch is a federally determined complete meal and will be charged to the student's account at the appropriate paid or reduced price.

Low Balance Statements

Low Balance Statements are emailed to families once a week to keep them informed regarding their student's meal account balance and to encourage deposits to avoid going into the negative. Parents can also keep track of their student's balance by using MealTime Online (www.mymealtime.com).

Negative Balance Statements

Negative Balance Statements are emailed to families daily after lunch if accounts remain in the Negative. At the end of the school year, any unpaid meal charges will be carried over into the next school year.

All negative balances that exceed \$25.00 will be added to Skyward student fees and will be processed for collections.



Junior High School Fee Payment Form - 2017/2018 School Year

PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Only Required Fees will be waived for families who have qualified for a Waiver of School Fees. Please reference Board Policy 4:140 and Administrative Regulations 4:140 R-1 and R-2 for specific information. Optional School Fees cannot be waived. Consequences are applicable for non-payment of fees. Refunds are issued on a semester basis if student is enrolled for less than 10 days.

Please list each student who attends this school		Child 1	Child 2	Child 3
Student Name				
Student I.D. Number				
Grade				
Required School Fees	PE Uniform - Shirt	Required one-time upon enrollment.	\$7.50	
	PE Uniform - Shorts	Optional after that.	\$7.50	
	Outdoor Education Fee	6th Grade only	\$25.00	
	Graduation Fee	8th Grade only	\$25.00	
Optional School Fee	Yearbook	Pre-order price only thru 1/31/18	\$25.00	
TOTAL DUE		\$		

Returned checks will be assessed a \$25 fee. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic funds transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day your payment is received, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution. Call 847-593-4348 if you have questions about electronic check collection or do not want your payments collected electronically.

OFFICE USE ONLY	Cash _____
School: _____	Check _____
	Check # _____

Holmes Junior High School

SAT, AUGUST 26

11AM TO 2PM



BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Where is the event? Holmes Junior High School

Who's invited? All students and families in District 59

Who's sponsoring this? District 59 Education Foundation

What kind of fun and games will be there?

- Rope Warrior
- Martial Arts Demonstration
- Mount Prospect Dance Program
- Giant Inflatable Obstacle Course
- DJ with Music
- Dunk Tank
- More New Games!

Will there be food? Yes. Free Hotdogs and Chips while supplies last!

**FREE
HOTDOGS
& CHIPS**

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



CCSD59



JUMPSTART

Grove Junior High Parent Teacher Organization PTO Membership Form

Help JumpStart! this year's fundraising by donating five dollars to the Grove Junior High Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)!

Your \$5.00 family donation helps to sponsor various programs, mini-grants for staff and activities throughout the school year.

It's simple to donate. Just complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to school along with your \$5.00 FAMILY donation. Please send cash or checks made payable to "Grove Junior High PTO" in an envelope marked "JumpStart!".

By filling out this form and returning it to us, you also have the opportunity to be added to the PTO email list, Facebook group and texting app and will receive updates on PTO activities, volunteer opportunities and other messages. This is a great way to stay connected!

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Student's Name: _____



Do you have a Facebook account and would like to be added to the Grove Junior High PTO Account? Please circle yes or no. Yes No

Cell phone number If you would like to receive Text Messages from the Grove Junior High PTO: _____