



Horace Mann School

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Steve Kessler, Principal

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Dear Horace Mann Families,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the start of school as much as I am. **Our first day of school will be Monday, August 11th.** Normal start times will be 8:00 a.m. for middle school students and 8:30 a.m. for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Every Wednesday will be our "late start Wednesday" when all grades Kindergarten through 8th grade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please help celebrate the start of school by attending the PTA's Welcome Back Breakfast on Sunday, August 10th beginning at 10:00 a.m. In addition, the PTA will be hosting a New Families Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the patio area in front of the main entrance to Horace Mann. Please arrive on time, as the formal welcome and tour will begin promptly at 4:15 p.m.

Once again, our "Back to School Packet" is available to you online at <http://hm.bhusd.org>. Please be sure to look through all of the information and to **print, sign, and return the required documents (one copy of the Acknowledgement and Consent form, TWO copies of the Emergency Card, and one copy of the Student Responsibility Contract)** with your child the first day of school. A list of school supplies is also included for your review.

Our goals this year focus on ensuring that all students, at all ability levels, encounter challenging, interesting, and engaging activities in their classrooms, on providing effective support and intervention for students who may need extra assistance, and on continuing to build a culture in which all of our students understand the benefits and responsibilities of being members of our school community. We hope that all of our students will grow this year, both academically and as citizens of the world.

As we engage in our work, we want to make sure that you are well-informed and that you feel comfortable bringing us your ideas and concerns. We value our partnership with our parents and want you to know that your voice is important in helping to provide the education our students need. If you have not already done so, please register to receive our weekly bulletin by going to <http://hm.bhusd.org/pta>, clicking on the "newsletter" link and entering your email address. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time via email at skessler@bhusd.org, or to schedule time to talk with me either in person or by telephone. The Horace Mann teachers and I appreciate the opportunity to work with you to help your child thrive. Your involvement is vital to our success, and we appreciate all you do. As always...GO HUSKIES!!!

Respectfully yours,

Steve Kessler
Principal



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