

August 2020

WELCOME BACK, Gators!



Greentree Elementary School
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IMPORTANT DATES

August 11 - All students begin the year online.

August 17 - In-person classes resume for self-contained special education students whose parents chose on campus.

August 24 - In-person classes resume for elementary students whose parents chose on campus.

September 2 - HOLIDAY



We would also like to thank **Scott Tate Photography** for donating the beautiful planners for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. We appreciate you!

Dear Gator Families,

I hope this finds each of you safe and healthy!

The start of this school year has been like no other. Please know that Humble ISD's leaders and collective departments have been working tirelessly to develop our district's Back to School plan, all while working through an unprecedented and ever changing situation. Just about every procedure for how we open a school year and function on a day to day basis is being thoroughly examined and adjusted in some manner. GTE staff have been busy participating in planning sessions about how we will provide a safe school environment for staff and students. GTE teachers have also been completing training sessions for how we will continue to provide high quality instruction and engaging learning experiences for all our students, regardless of whether they will be participating through *Face to Face* or *Online Instruction*. As you can imagine, this hasn't been an easy task, but one we are committed to doing for all children!

Humble ISD's revised **Elementary Back to School Plan** is as follows:

August 11: All students will begin the school year with Online

August 17: In-person classes resume for self -contained Special Education students whose parents chose Face to Face

August 24: In-person classes resume for **all** students whose parents chose Face to Face

Online learning remains an option for all students based on parent choice throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Please visit Humble ISD's Back to School webpage to learn more about the district's back to school plans. Many of you responded to the Return to School Preference survey in June. **However, if your decision has changed since then for how your child will receive his/her instruction beginning August 24, please complete the Learning Location Form as soon as possible. This is very important for our back to school planning!** (Online instruction will start for everyone on August 11.)

Some additional important information:

- The online Annual Update process must be completed each year for all current Humble ISD students before this first day. Visit the Annual Update website for detailed instructions on the Annual Update process.
- Classroom teachers made welcome/introduction phone calls on Thursday and Friday of last week. Additionally , teachers sent out Meet the Teacher Information Slideshows to all parents to outline what Online learning will look like the first 9 days of school.

I welcome you to reach out to me at denise.rodriguez@humbleisd.net with any questions you currently have. Knowing what is on your mind will help us to provide informative and helpful information by email and on our website.

Denise Rodriguez
Principal



Meet our Great Greentree Staff!!!

Administration

Denise Rodriguez, Principal
Stephanie Lake Garcia, Asst. Principal

Office Team

Cindy Alford, Registrar
Laurie Para, Nurse
Missy Schmonsees, Front Office
Melanie York, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Kindergarten

Shaye Cintado Kim Gray
Kristi Roux Lindsay Young
Kristi Roux- ONLINE

1st Grade

Laurie Rohmann Brittney Sitler
Angel Stephens Alexis Varnum
Cindy Welborn
Kristi Roux- ONLINE

2nd Grade

Cathy Glover Penny Juergen
Amy Kelly Helen Reed
Terisa Spencer
Alexis Varnum- ONLINE

3rd Grade

Liz Frye Meg Gandy
Cindy Hernandez Jenny Holcomb
Katie Mitchell Susan Mitchell
Laura Smith
Jenny Holcomb- ONLINE

4th Grade

Christina Blackshear Natalie Brown
Jasmin Cradic Paula Pearce
Karin Robinson
Natalie Brown- ONLINE

5th Grade

Kelly Abdmoulaie Dani Galiano
Robin Lawrence Jennifer Sisco
Katie Stoufflet Michelle Varnadoe
Erin Day & Jennifer Sisco - ONLINE

Specials Team

Amie Bess, PE
Heather Burdette, Art
Summer McKee, Music
Cara Rydell, Library
Jackie Thompson, PE
Jessica Wilkes, IT

Support Services

Patricia Bergman, Counselor
Melisa Ebarb, ReLa Alt
Jessica McGinn, ELT
Nicole Van Vleck, Math Alt

General Education Support

Laura Burton
Patti Ciotti
Meredith Delap
Donna Juarez
Paula Russell
Shelly Shank

Special Education

Becky Branch, CSTA
Roxanne Reynoso-Adams, Diagnostician
Angela Rinnon, Speech
Ashley Severance, LSSP

Behavior Continuum

Damian Burke
Abayneh Crosby
Kortnie Henson, Teacher
Loretta Roberts
Nancy Transier, Teacher

Special Ed. Interventionists

Kinsey Byrd, Teacher
Liz Lindberg
Sue Martin, Teacher
Ty Molina, Teacher
Gidget Peyton
David Terlip
Renee Webb, Teacher

Greentree Support

Leigh Ann Elkins, Cafeteria Mgr.
Alice King, Cafeteria
Neomi Moran, Cafeteria
Diamond Doyle, Custodial
Rocio Montes, Custodial
Marilyn Suarez, Custodial
Jimmy Tobias, Lead Custodian



Library News

Library Books:

If you have a library book from last year to return I will place a plastic bin in front of Greentree from 8:30 - 3:00 August 12-14, then August 17-21. I will send out overdue notices the afternoon of the 21st.

SORA:

Please use our online reading App called SORA to locate e-books to read on your devices. I will be sharing a "how to" on our Virtual Library page.

Summer Reading:

If you completed your Summer Reading you are welcome to place those in the book bin. You may also wait and turn those in when we come back on August 24th. I will plan a celebration at a later date.

Cara Rydell, MLS



- The Greentree phone number is (281) 641-1900, and our mailing address is 3502 Brook Shadow Drive, Kingwood, Texas 77345.
- Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Lunch price for the current year is \$2.35, Breakfast is \$1.50.
- The Attendance/Absence number is (281) 641-1919.
- Nurse Para's number is (281) 641-1905.
- Our FAX number is (281) 641-1917.
- Visit our web page at www.humbleisd.net/gte for regular updates and pertinent information and schedule.



Please read the following health reminders from our nurse, Laurie Para, RN:

Health Concerns and Allergies: I look forward to talking with parents about any health concerns you may have with your child at school. I don't know all of our new students yet and want to make sure we can work together as a team to keep your child safe and healthy. Emergency Care Plans will be updated this year as needed for your child.

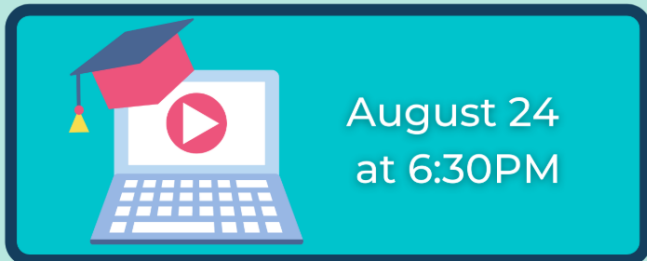
Medications: If your child will be taking any medication at school, prescription or over-the-counter, I must have a medication form completely filled out. Over-the-counter meds may be dispensed with only a parent signature if given on occasion. If this medication is needed more than 4 times a month or more than 10 days in a school year, a physician's signature is required on the form. ALL medication must be sent in with an adult in the original store package or with a pharmacy label. The medication policy can be found on the Humble ISD website. Medication forms need to be renewed annually. I have forms in the clinic for anyone who needs one.

Again, welcome back and best wishes for a safe and healthy school year!

Feel free to contact me, Laurie Para for any questions or concerns at 281-641-1905.

SHOULD I REFER MY CHILD FOR G/T SERVICES?

PARENT AWARENESS WEBINAR



bit.ly/GT-Webinar

Take a look at common characteristics and/or what to do if you feel your child has particular academic needs. The district referral window and assessment process will be discussed.

More COVID updates coming soon from Nurse Para and the District.



COUNSELOR
CORNER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! I know this is a challenging time for all of us as a community and there is a lot of stress and uncertainty. I am here for you and your children for assistance and we are ready to have an amazing year whether you are Distance Learning or Face to Face. My primary role as a Counselor is to offer support to students, parents, and teachers.

I look forward to meeting all our new Gators. I will be hosting a New Student Group for each grade level so our new students can meet other new students in their same grade level and make new friends. We will meet about every two weeks during the first 9 weeks in order to help with the transitions to Greentree.

Other responsibilities of mine include teaching Guidance Lessons in the classroom, hosting Small Counseling Groups where we work on specific skills, working with parents and teachers to support students, and see students individually, as needed. This year my classroom Guidance Lessons will focus around the Great 8 Skills. I also oversee our No Place for Hate Program, which focuses on school-wide anti-bully lessons/activities that involve all classrooms.

The Great 8 skills we teach this year are: Decision Making, Personal Responsibility, Self-Awareness, and Social-Awareness.

I host a monthly group called Relatives Raising Relatives. This is open to any person: Aunt, Uncles, Grandparents, or other Relatives who are raising or helping to raise their grandchildren/adopted children. Our first meeting will be September 25th at 8:00 a.m. and will be virtual.

Lastly, I am in the process of transferring my information to a GTE Counselor Newsletter! Coming soon!

Feel free to call me if you have any further questions,

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Decision Making

Decision Making is a student's approach to problem-solving, learning from experience, using values to guide behavior and accepting responsibility.

Key Concepts

- *Positive decision making allows individuals to feel empowered, realize their goals, and change unhealthy habits
- *Anyone can learn to be a good problem solver and accept responsibility
- *Reflecting on prior experiences and using values as a guide can improve decision making
- *Everyone needs a positive role model
- *Good problem solvers use all available resources

