

**\*School Opening Update\***  
**August 11,, 2020**

Hello Washington School, Grizzly Hill School and new families,

The new school year begins on Monday, August 17, 2020, in just a few days!! Are you ready to go? If not, how can we help?

This year the district will open both schools in remote learning. This opening plan is a departure from what we had hoped to offer, as we had wanted to offer both an in-person hybrid and a remote plan. With the demands of opening a hybrid ever increasing, we have decided to go forth and open with the plan that allows teachers to best educate every student. This will be distance learning.

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**What do you need to do to enroll?**

If you have not returned your enrollment packet to either Grizzly Hill or Washington School please do so as soon as you can. If you have not yet received your enrollment packet, GH students please contact Sunshine Bender at 265-9052 ex 210 and WS students please call Julie Monntobio at 530-478-1509.

**Opening Week Schedule:**

Monday, August 17 is Opening Day at GH and WS. Please stop by the school sites and make the initial start of school connection with the school, receive your class specific instructions and your chromebook, if needed.

Tuesday - Friday, August 18-21 is Opening Week at GH and WS. During this first week the teaching staff and administrative staff will work together to make sure each student has all they need to begin rigorous, relevant, grade level instruction. This week is to smooth out any bumps in your child's education.

**Wednesday will be food distribution day.** During the first week of school the district will provide Central Kitchen as we have a contract through then. After the first week, Grizzly Hill will be providing home cooked breakfast and lunch for every student (GH and WS)

indicating they want meals. Our food services staff LOVES preparing food for our students. Please sign up!

**During the second week of school** GH will add, by appointment, wifi computer lab time. WS will already have open time to use the school wifi.

**During the third week** we anticipate adding some elective time, if possible.

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In an effort to connect the students and families of Grizzly Hill and Washington, we will provide one teacher per grade. This structure allows students to build connections with other students in their grade. Here is your 20-21 teaching staff for both Washington School and Grizzly Hill School:

TK-1: Julie Kolfer, [jkolfer@tresd.org](mailto:jkolfer@tresd.org) and 530-265-9052 Ex 225

2-3: Sabrina Szymanski, [sszymanski@tresd.org](mailto:sszymanski@tresd.org) and 530-265-9052 ex 219

4-5: Rachel Wegman, [rwegman@tresd.org](mailto:rwegman@tresd.org) and 530-265-9052 ex 214

6 and K-4 Math Specialist: Alayna Grapel, [agrapel@tresd.org](mailto:agrapel@tresd.org) and 530-265-9052 ex 224

7-8: Tiffany Caughey, [tcaughey@tresd.org](mailto:tcaughey@tresd.org) and 530-265-9052 ex 220

TK-8 English Specialist: Gretchen Eisenhut, [geisenhut@tresd.org](mailto:geisenhut@tresd.org) and 530-265-9052 ex 218

Special Education is organized by a new Education Specialist who will oversee all IEPs and services. This person is in the final stages of being hired by the Nevada County Office of Education. In the meantime, please contact Melissa Madigan at 265-9052 ex 207.

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If you find yourself wanting an answer to a question, please refer to the administrative staff responsibility list. If you don't see what you're looking for, GH families call 265-9052 and WS families call 478-1509.

**Here is your administrative staff for the 20-21 school year:**

Erin Riley; Food Services: 265-9052 ex 204

Julie Montobbio; Washington School liaison: 478-1509 or 265-2880

Kelly Moreno; Attendance, Board Agendas, Employee Relations: 263-9052 ex 201

Sunshine Bender; Enrollment, technology needs, educational programs: 265-9052 ex 210

Nancy Zeisler; Mental Health Coordinator for students and families: 265-9052 ex 234

Melissa Madigan: Superintendent/ Principal, 265-9052 ex 207

If you have a high school student, NJUHSD is planning on providing support for their students at Oak Tree, Grizzly Hill and Washington School sites.. Please be on the lookout for updates.

The entire staff is looking forward to educating each and every student, to supporting each and every family with their needs and furthering the love of learning for all.

Melissa Madigan

Superintendent/Principal