

Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools
GROVER CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grover Cleveland Middle School,

I hope this email finds you well and you have been able to find some time to relax during these past few summer weeks.

Last school year was unprecedented and was met with countless challenges, both in and out of the classroom. While I am optimistic that we will eventually get back to a new normal, we are slowly starting to implement some things to help ensure that the 2021-22 school year gets off on the right foot. **Please carefully read this letter.** In addition, be on the lookout next week for the *Grover Cleveland Middle School Return to School 21-22 Protocols*, which will explain our anticipated process for this upcoming school year.

Back to School Forms:

On Wednesday, August 18 at 3pm, Back to School Forms will be available for you to fill out in the Genesis Parent Portal. There are 2 forms - one titled "GCMS Back to School Forms 2021-2022" and one titled "GCMS Health Forms 2021-2022". You must fill out both forms in order to gain access to your child's schedule and other information in Genesis.

Please note: Due to COVID-19 regulations, you must include a minimum of one emergency contact **other than a parent/guardian should we need to get in touch with you and you are not available.*

Schedules:

On Friday, August 20 at 3pm, student schedules will be made available in the Genesis Parent Portal. Please note that the previously mentioned forms must be completed in order to gain access to view the schedules. Students will also find their locker number and combination on their schedule. We are hopeful that students will be able to use their lockers during the 21-22 school year. They will not need this information until the first day of school. Please remember that this information should be kept confidential and not shared with other students.

As a reminder, requests will not be honored.

Student Handbook:

When you fill out your Back to School Forms, you will see a "Student Handbook", which will include many policies and information about the 21-22 school year. As a reminder, the *Grover Cleveland Middle School Return to School 21-22 Protocols* will be sent home next week.

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School Picture Day:

School Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, September 13. No form is needed. You'll receive an online code from Irvin Simon a few weeks after picture day to view and order your portraits. You can visit IrvinSimon.com for more information.

GCMS Open House:

Grover Cleveland Middle School's Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. The first Home and School Association Meeting will begin at 6pm, followed by the opportunity to follow your child's schedule at 6:30pm. Additional information to follow in regards to whether it will take place in-person or virtually.

6th Grade Student Logins:

When students enter Grover Cleveland Middle School, they receive a new Student Login, which contains the high school graduation year, the initial of the first name, and first few letters of the last name. EX: **27JDoe@student.cwcboe.org**. Incoming 6th graders will receive their credentials on the first day of school during homeroom.

Please rest assured that at this point, the district plans to open to all students on Thursday, September 9, 2021 in-person 5 full-days a week. While this year may present challenges similar to last year, the one thing I can guarantee is that the staff at Grover Cleveland Middle School have been preparing all summer for whatever this year throws at us. They will continue to be the same caring and compassionate professionals and will do what is best for your children, no matter what challenges we face as a school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I am always available.

Be Well and Make a Difference Today,

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