

RUFUS CAGE ELEMENTARY & PROJECT CHRYSALIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

July 13, 2021

Dear Parents and Students:

In preparation for the first day of school, I wanted to provide you with the information you'll need to ensure you are ready to begin on August 23, 2021. There will be more information provided in the upcoming weeks via school newsletters and email. Please read this information carefully.

PARENT PORTAL

The District will continue using HISD Connect for the 2021-2022 school year. HISD Connect by PowerSchool will include student contact, enrollment, and demographic information, as well as grades and online resources starting August 23, 2021. New to the district parents will be given a unique code, or access ID, for each of their students and will be able to use those codes to set up an account to access their students' profiles through the new parent portal.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms will be enforced for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to a rise in costs to make the uniform shirt, the price is now \$12.00 per school shirt. We will be selling shirts daily beginning Wednesday, August 11, 2021 through Friday, August 13, 2021 at 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4 pm. Although navy blue uniform pants for Cage ES and khaki uniform pants for Chrysalis MS will continue to be part of the uniform, jeans will now be allowed as part of the school uniform as well. Jeans may not be torn or ripped. If a student is on campus with ripped jeans, we will loan the child a pair of uniform pants from our nurse's office or parents may be called to bring a pair of pants.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are invited to join our PTA by contacting the school. If you are interested in volunteering, please remember to complete the VIPS Volunteer Training and background check in the district website: https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html#/

We are also working with our Title I coordinator, Ms. Patricia Ochoa-Hernandez and our Wrap Around Specialist, Ms. Araceli Martinez to bring in resources and trainings for our parents including, but not limited to, arts and crafts, ESL classes, technology courses, and classes to teach parents how to navigate through HISD Connect and other District Platforms.

REGISTRATION

Registration/Enrollment for <u>new</u> students to Cage Elementary PK-5th grades will be offered August 11-13, 2021 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE

We will host our Open House for PK-3rd grades on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm.; and 4th-8th grades on Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 3:15 pm to 4:15pm. You will be able to meet the teacher and learn about what your child will be learning this school year. Please use the visitor parking areas located on Ernestine Street and do not park on any of the streets in front of the school as you may be towed and/or given a citation.



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters every day, for every class, PK through 8th grade. Therefore, it is expected that all students report to their classes daily and on time. Please remember, school begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. everyday.

ARRIVALS AND DISMISSAL

Arrival and pick up of your child will remain the same as in the previous 2020-2021 school year:

- Bus riders, PPCD/PALS, SLL, PK, K, 1st and 3rd grade students will continue to be dropped off and picked up on the Leeland Driveway
 - Older siblings must pick up their younger siblings and be dropped off and picked up from the younger sibling's location.
- 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th will be picked up and dropped off on the Ernestine Drive
 Older siblings will be asked to pick up younger siblings.

DEVICES AND HOTSPOTS

If you still have one of our devices or a hotspot, please return it to the campus as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns about how to return the device or hotspot, please call: (713)-924-1700.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lisa Rodriguez Patenotte Principal