



Herma S. Simmons Elementary School
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Dear Parents/Guardians of:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. I know many of you are feeling anxious about the unknowns, but hopefully this communication will help to fill in some missing information. As we begin the new school year, we have been working diligently to provide a safe learning environment for our students. All of us here at Herma Simmons Elementary School are looking forward to our continued relationship with your child(ren) and your family as we work together to provide the best possible learning path for all of our students. It is important to note that our efforts to support hybrid and cyber learning this year will be quite different than anything experienced before. We hope that an elevated level of patience and understanding will be extended to all of our Simmons family as we are working through circumstances that no one has ever experienced.

You have selected to have your child(ren) to participate in our Cyber School for the 2020-2021 school year. Additional information on this can be found on our district website at claytonps.org. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Cyber School, please contact Mrs. Taryn Simmons at 856-881-8704 ext. 3164 or at tsimmons@claytonps.org.

Additional information is as follows:

- Your child's teacher is _____. **Please note that due to additional adjustments, the teacher may change.**
- The first day of school for grades K-5 will be Tuesday, September 8th. Transportation also begins on this date.
- ***Back to School Night will be a virtual event this year, and additional information will be forthcoming.***
- Please follow the Herma S. Simmons Elementary School Facebook page and sign up for my Class Dojo page by downloading the Dojo app on the App Store or Google Play Store.

- Students who are attending Cyber School can pick up their breakfasts and lunches between the hours of 9am to 11am on the designated days indicated below. They can take multiple meals and pick them up at Herma Simmons ES or at the High/Middle School campus during those times.

If you will be purchasing lunch, money must be put on the account. The district is currently converting to a new system, and further detailed information will be provided. Information is always updated on our district website at www.claytonps.org.

COHORT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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CYBER (ONLINE)	2 Breakfasts 2 Lunches	X	3 Breakfasts 3 Lunches	X	X
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Also enclosed for your completion are the ***Emergency Contact Form, Photo Permission Form, Health Office Form and ESSA Letter.*** ***Please return all forms to school as soon as possible.***

We realize that this is a tremendous amount of information to take into consideration, but we feel it is vital that we provide you with details on how we are going to safely start school during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

Being fluid, flexible and ready to adapt to change will be critical for all of us this year. We are again facing unprecedented times in public education. It is our goal to provide the best possible learning environment in the safest manner possible. We appreciate your positivity and support as we navigate the 2020-2021 school year together.

Please call the Main Office at (856) 881-8704 should you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Scott G. Uribe
Principal