

HMES Newsletter



September 7, 2021

A Message from Dr. Tufts:

Hello Families,

At Howell Mountain ESD, your child's safety is our primary responsibility. We will be providing weekly COVID-19 tests so that we will be able to verify that your child's classroom is a safe place for your child to be. Weekly tests will be on Wednesdays after 1:00. At this time, both students and staff will have the opportunity to test for COVID-19. Families are also welcomed to join our testing site. If you are interested, please let our front office know and we will put your names on the list. We will need to have a waiver signed and returned so that you and your child will be able to participate. In addition to the weekly tests, we have ordered Binax, antigen tests-which are rapid tests. The rapid tests may be used to rule out Covid-19, which may help your child to return to school before the 10 days of quarantine, should your child develop any signs of illness. The signed waiver will also be used to allow your child to be tested at school.

Thank you for understanding and thank you for supporting our mission to keep our students healthy and in school.

Back to School Night

Thank you to all families who were able to join us for Back-to-School Night. We did have technology difficulties during the event. For this, we apologize. If you were unable to attend or unable to connect via Zoom, please reach out to your child's teacher so that you may obtain information regarding your child's education.

The Taste of Howell Mountain

This year, our largest fund raiser will be held on October 16. Please sign up to volunteer at this event. We have opening for volunteers on Friday, October 15 as well as during the event on October 16, from 11:00-4:30. You may call the office to place your name on the list.

Attention all families: Classroom baskets are due by this Friday, September 10. We have extended the deadline so that we may have more participation in this donation drive. Each classroom provides a basket that is auctioned off during the silent auction at the Taste of Howell Mountain. All proceeds from these baskets go directly to the classroom teacher for school supplies and field trips.

Library

Library will begin this Friday for all our students. As students become acclimated to library procedures, students will be able to check out one book per week. This will be modified as we all become accustomed to our new library procedures.

New Office Personnel

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Van Son as our new School Secretary and Ms. Elizabeth Avina as our new Student Support Services Secretary.

Important Date:

September 10: Hearing Tests for all grade levels

