

Sherman County School

"Home of the Huskies"



June 18, 2020

Sherman County School Parents and Guardians,

I hope your summer is off to an amazing start! I want to begin by thanking the entire Sherman County School Community for your collective efforts to support each other as we work together through this unique time in our lives. It is our sincere intent to keep families informed of the latest developments in the reopening plan for the 2020-21 school year in the timeliest manner possible. With that said, I want to reach out to you with a change for the upcoming school year.

The district understands that school supply shopping is a long held tradition of many families. We also know that it can be an expensive and time consuming process that we want to assist families with. Using a cooperative to purchase supplies at a discount, the district will purchase, package, and distribute school supplies to every student for a \$25 fee. The fee will cover most of the supplies you purchased from the school supply list in past years. This fee will be added to your student account similar to meal, SKORE, and sports fees. You will have the option to pay by check or with a credit card through your online MealTime account.

This new process will help limit the spread of germs, create consistency, allow teachers to purchase exactly what they need in a COVID-19 environment, and save families time and money. With the COVID-19 situation in mind, a hard surfaced container will be purchased for each student to keep their supplies in that is easy to sanitize and avoid mixing supplies with other students.

While supplies will be purchased for your student(s), there are a few personal items that students will still need to bring to school with them. All students, K-12 will need to bring a backpack as locker availability will be limited. Some classes will need a set of headphones/earbuds as they will not be able to share headsets. (Classroom teachers will notify you if your student requires headphones/earbuds.) Students with PE class will need to bring a pair of clean tennis shoes reserved for PE with non-marking soles (K-12 grade) and PE clothes (7-12 grade only) that meet the current dress code.

Due to COVID-19 concerns and the health and safety of our students, snacks will be purchased exclusively by the district during the 20-21 school year. These will be healthy, individually wrapped snacks and take into consideration the serious nature of food allergies that students may have.

Thank you for your assistance with this and your patience with the many changes that are coming as we work through a process for reopening our school. As plans are developed and approved we will communicate this information to you prior to the opening of the 20-21 school year. We know how much we all want to get kids back in school the safest way possible.

Stay safe and Go Huskies!

Wes Owens