

INDIAN TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home of the Trailblazers

August/September 2021 Newsletter



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Important Dates:

6/8-8/24 - Summer Break

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

8/11 – School Board Meeting
8/16 – PowerSchool Live
8/19 – Supply Drop-Off
8/23 – Staff Institute
8/24 – Staff Institute
8/25 – First Day of School
9/3 – Half-Day of school
9/6 – Labor Day – No School
9/7 – NWEA Testing Begins
9/15 – School Board Meeting

Please continue to check the school and district websites for additional information and updates

Message from the Principal:

Dear Trailblazer Parents and Guardians,

I want to officially welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and are eager to return. After last year, there is nothing we cannot do together. In just a few short weeks we will be welcoming back our Trailblazers. Personally, I am extremely excited and cannot wait to see all our students on the first day of school. For those of you who are new to our school, I want you to know that you are coming to an outstanding place with amazing staff, students, and parents. We are dedicated to partnering with you to help your child flourish academically, emotionally, and socially.

Supply Drop-Off

We will be hosting a supply drop-off on August 19th from 7:00 - 5:00. You must sign-up using the link below. Only one adult per student attending Indian Trail will be allowed on this day. You may drop off supplies in your child's classroom and walk the building to familiarize your child with the space. If you have not completed the registration process, you will not receive your child's classroom information until you complete the process. Click or copy and paste the link below in your browser to sign-up for a time slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DA5AA2FA2FD0-supply>

Video

Watch for an upcoming short video to share with your child in the coming weeks.

Draft Return to School Plan

Please refer to Dr. McDermott's email on July 30.

Please be sure to read through the below as some information has changed from previous years. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. See you soon!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Dana Wright

General Information: School Office Hours: 8:35 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Student Attendance Hours: 9:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Student Attendance Hours on Half-Days 9:00-12:10 p.m.

Student Lunch/Recess Times:

2nd Grade – 11:00-11:40 a.m.

1st Grade – 11:45-12:25 p.m.

3rd Grade – 12:30-1:10 p.m.

4th Grade – 1:00-1:40 p.m.

Absent Notification

- Please report your child's absence by 9:10 AM the day of the absence.
- Homework requests need to be called in by 11:30 AM for same day pick-up.
- Any work due to vacation absence will be given once the child returns.

Lunch Procedure

- Please remember to send a lunch with your child daily. Be sure the lunch is labeled with the child's name.
- Your child will need to bring a spoon and/or fork, as utensils are not provided.
- If a lunch is forgotten, parents may drop off a lunch on the cart in the vestibule outside the office by 10:45 a.m. Please have the child's name and teacher's name clearly labeled.
- Children will go outside for recess daily. During the winter months temperature must be below 20 for indoor recess.

Communication

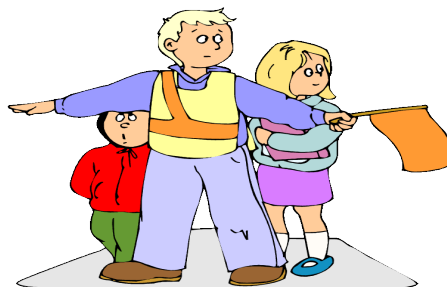
- Please maintain regular communication with our teachers.
- Follow chain of command if you are experiencing any concern or issues relating to your child.
- Technology issues: Please email our tech department at ittechsupport@summithill.org

Volunteer

- The district has the Raptor Visitor Management System in place at all schools. Every visitor will be instantly screened. You will be screened each time you visit the building to volunteer.
- You will need to show a State ID or Driver's License every time you volunteer.
- Due to COVID, visitors to the building during student attendance are on hold at this time.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Student Drop-off time is 8:45-8:59 (no staff supervision prior to 8:45)
- Students may not play on recess equipment before school without a parent/guardian present to supervise
- From 8:45-8:59, students enter the school using doors 15 and 11
- Students arriving after the 9:00 tardy bell **MUST** enter the school through the main entrance with an adult
- First Graders exit door 15
- Second Graders exit door 11
- Third Graders exit door 11
- Fourth Graders exit door 15
- Post your child's first and last name on the passenger side of the car
- Always remain in your car while in the circle drive
- Form two lines until you come to the first turn
- You will begin to merge in one at a time (unless staff are there to direct)
- Pull forward as far as you can
- Cell phone use while driving is prohibited in school zones (this includes the school lot)
- If you walk, please stand on the sidewalk closest to the school sign and wait for your child
- Congregating by school exit doors is not allowed
- Follow all directions by the staff
- Be respectful to all Trailblazer students and staff



Indian Trail is a Bully Free Zone

We at Indian Trail EXPECT RESPECT in all areas of the school. We work hard to ensure a safe, nurturing, and positive climate for all students and staff. It is imperative that you help us maintain an environment that is conducive to learning and free from bullying behaviors.

TYPES OF BULLYING

Verbal Bullying-usually consists of teasing, mocking, spreading rumors, lying about others. Bullying comments may focus on outer appearance. But to be bullying it must occur more than one time.

Emotional/Social Bullying- uses peer pressure and manipulation to isolate the target and to hurt their feelings. The victim usually feels that they have no friends, no one to talk to, and no way to escape.

Physical Bullying- Consists of pushing, tripping, hitting, or acting like you are going to push, trip or hit another.

Cyber Bullying – Includes written or electronic communication directed to another to cause fear, emotional, or psychological harm.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

- Placing a student in reasonable fear of his/her personal property or
- Causing substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health or
- Substantially interfering with the student's academic performance or
- Substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in services, activities, or privileges provided by a school
- Cyber Bullying includes written or electronic communication directed to another to cause fear, physical emotional or psychological harm.



What can we do together to PREVENT bullying behavior?

- Create clearly defined expectations
- Teach social skills and tolerance early
- Foster positive relationships and environments
- Empower students to support and respect each other
- Set the right examples for students to follow
- Work as a team to help unite students rather than divide them

**Indian Trail School Supply List
2021-2022**

SUPPLIES NEEDED	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4
Calculator	0	0	1	1
Construction paper multi-color (9x12)	1 Pkg.	1 Pkg. (last names beginning A-L)	0	1
Colored Pencils	0	0	1	1 box
Crayons (maximum 24)	4 boxes	3 boxes	1 box	1 box
Dry Erase Markers (low odor)	12 Black Only	6 Black Only	6 Any color except red	4 Expo Brand Thin Markers
Dry Erase Eraser	1	1	1	1
Eraser Mate pens (blue or black)	0	0	0	2
Erasers (Pink, not pencil top)	2	2	1	0
Face Mask (school appropriate)	1	1	2	1
Glue bottles (no colors) Elmers	1 (4 oz.)	1 (8oz.)	1 (8oz.)	1 (8 oz.)
Glue sticks	6	12	12	12
Hand Sanitizer (16oz)	2 (8oz.)	1	1	1
Headphones	1 No Earbud Headphones	1 No Earbud Headphones	1 No Earbud Headphones	1 No Earbud Headphones
Highlighters	2 (yellow only)	2	4 (diff. colors)	4 (diff. colors)
Index cards size 3x5	1	0	0	0
Kleenex	1 box	3 boxes	3 boxes	3 boxes
Loose leaf paper (not college rule)	0	1 pkg. (last names beginning M-Z)	0	1
Markers (washable broad tip)	2 sets classic colors Only	1 set classic colors	1 set	1 set
Markers (washable thin tip classic colors)	0	0	1	1 set
Masking Tape	0	0	0	0
Paper Towels	0 rolls	2 rolls	2 rolls	1 roll
Pencils No. 2 (24) (sharpened)	4 Pkgs. Sharpened	4 Pkgs.	4 Pkgs.	2 Pkgs.
Pencil Case	1 Soft Case Only	1 Soft Case Only	1 Soft Case Only	1 Soft Case Only
Pencil Sharpener	0	0	1	1
2-pocket folders (solid colors only)	4 (1 of each color) Red, Blue, Yellow, Purple Only	5 Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, & Purple Only	5	2
7-subject accordion folder	0	0	0	1
Post – Its 3in. x 3in.	3	1	1	1
Protractor (clear)	0	0	1	0
Red Pens	0	0	2	2
Ruler (inches and centimeters)	1 (12 inches) Not Bendable	1	1	1
Scissors (pointed Fiskars)	1 pair	1 pair	1 pair	1 pair
Spiral notebooks (single-subject not college rule)	0	3	5	7
Scotch Tape	1	1	2	1
USB Thumb/flash drive with a minimum of 2GB	0	1	0	0
2 inch 3 Ring Binder	0	0	1	0
10 index tab dividers for 3 Ring Binder	0	0	1	0
Watercolor Set	1	1	1	1
Wet wipes (antibacterial) (unscented)	3 (hand wipes)	3 containers	3 containers	3 containers
Ziploc bags – Gallon size	0 box	1 box	1 box	1 box
Ziploc bags – Quart size	1 box	1 box	1 box	1 box

NOTE:

- > Book Bag & Gym shoes with laces and/or velcro are required for grades 1, 2, 3, & 4. Gym shoes may not have black soles.
- > Please label ALL supplies except pencils with first and last name. All individual crayons and markers need to be labeled.
- > Some supplies may need to be replenished during the school year.
- > Kleenex, paper towels, and wipes will be distributed between classroom teachers and special's teachers.
- > **NO Trapper Keepers**



Indian Trail Student Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Student Drop-off at Indian Trail will be from 8:45-8:59. There is no guaranteed supervision for children arriving before 8:45, so please do not drop children off earlier than 8:45.

We are continuing with our previous practice for arrival and dismissal. Please know the process will take longer in the beginning, but we will work to streamline as the year progresses. Please refrain from planning appointments or meetings around the time of arrival and dismissal. I would not want you to be late for those appointments, as I cannot predict how long it will take for some students to enter and exit the building.

From 8:45-8:59, students will enter the school utilizing doors 15 and 11.

Students arriving after the 9:00 tardy bell MUST enter the school through the main entrance with an adult (by the flagpole). All other doors are closed and locked at 9:00 for security purposes.

Parents will drop off their children in the “circle drive” located on the north side of the building. You must remain in your vehicle at all times while in the circle drive. Your child will remain in your vehicle until 8:45 when staff members exit the building to allow students to enter. You will form two lines until you come to the first turn. There will be a staff member there to merge you into one line. After the merge, PARENTS ARE TO PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE between the cones to drop off their children. Please pay attention to the staff directing you. Students may exit the vehicle as soon as the sidewalk begins even if they are not right at the school door. The longer you wait to let them out, the later they will be for class. When parents cooperate with staff, we do not have drop-off safety concerns and traffic flow moves seamlessly.

Please post your child’s first and last name in the passenger side of the window for both arrival and dismissal. If your child is a new student to the school, please post “New Student” on the sheet, as well. This will allow us to group your child(ren) with other new students and escort them to class.

At dismissal, you will follow the same procedure as arrival. Your children will remain in the building and will be called to exit the building based on your position in the circle drive. A staff member will exit the building around 3:15 to start calling in the order of names from your window sign. Please have your signs posted clearly on the passenger side and leave them in place until your child enters the vehicle.

If your child walks to school or brings their bike, they must not arrive prior to 8:40. They can lock up their bike and line up on the yellow line prior to entry. Parents are not allowed to congregate by any door. You may watch your child from a safe distance. If by door 11 (near bike rack), parents must stand by the baseball field. If by door 15, parents must stand on the sidewalk furthest from the door. Please note, parking lots will be closed off and you are not allowed to park on school property during arrival and dismissal.

Parents are not allowed to stop along Frankfort Square Road to drop off or pick up their children. The curbs are clearly painted yellow and signage indicates “No Parking.” The Will County Sheriff’s Deputies informed the school they intend to be regularly present and issue tickets to violators. Most important, it is essential that vehicles do not park or stop curbside in this zone since it restricts driver and pedestrian visibility.

Please also be aware that Frankfort Square Road by the school and the school parking lots are cell phone free. This is state law. The deputies can issue tickets to drivers using cell phones in school zones. We do take down license plates of those not following the state law. This is to protect the students and staff.

Parents are not to use the driveway or parking lot on the south side of building (at Inverary Rd). This is for staff parking and buses only.

Children that walk to school will only cross the street at the Frankfort Square Rd/Acorn Ridge intersection accompanied by the crossing guard. Students are not to cross the street at Hickory Creek/Frankfort Square Rd intersection (in front of the school) without a parent or guardian escorting them.

Please refrain from walking along the sidewalk along the circle drive during our arrival and dismissal process. I need this area clear for students and staff to safely distance from one another, as well as prevent any unsafe conditions.

At the end of the day, we ask that you continue to follow the expectations:

- First Graders exit doors 15
- Second Graders exit door 11
- Third Graders exit door 11
- Fourth Graders exit door 15
- Remain in your vehicle while in the circle drive
- Post your child's first and last name on the driver's side of the car
- Pull forward as far as you can
- If you walk to pick your child, you must stand away from the doors and on the sidewalk by the school sign or close to the baseball fields.
- Follow all directions by the staff
- Be respectful to all Trailblazer students and staff
- For the first few weeks or so, we will start dismissal prior to 3:30

I understand that your little ones might like to run around while they are waiting, please do not allow them to run through the landscaping or play by the school sign.

Pets are only allowed on the sidewalk closest to Frankfort Square Road.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to an outstanding year with you and your child!



School Calendar

Summit Hill District 161 2021-22 District Calendar

August 23 & 24.....	Teacher Institute Days
August 25.....	First Day of School
September 3.....	1/2 Day School in AM/PM Teacher In-service
September 6.....	Labor Day - No School
October 8.....	Teacher Institute Day - No School
October 11.....	Columbus Day - No School
November 22 & 23.....	Parent/Teacher Conference Day - No School
November 24-26.....	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
December 17.....	Last Day of School before Holiday Break
December 20 - December 31.....	Holiday Break
January 3.....	Classes resume after Holiday Break
January 17.....	Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
February 18.....	1/2 Day School in AM/PM Teacher In-service
February 21.....	President's Day - No School
March 28 - April 1.....	Spring Break
April 4.....	Classes resume after Spring Break
April 15 - April 18.....	Spring Holiday
April 19.....	Classes resume after Spring Holiday
May 27.....	Teacher Institute Day - No School
May 30.....	Memorial Day - No School
June 3.....	Last day of school without snow days
June 10.....	Last day if all snow days used

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