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| **VES Eagle Express #1 - August 21, 2021** |
| **Urgent- 53% of our students need their Family Files Updated ! This should be done prior to 4:00 pm on Tuesday August 24th.**  **1. Family Files- 47% of our families have completed their Family Files. Please understand that you must complete your family file before a student class assignment can be reviewed. These will be available in Canvas once you have done your annual update to the Family File. If you are new to Veterans you must ensure the Family File is filled in for each student. Directions for assessing the Family File are attached:** [**https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/family-file-user-instructions.pdf**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fyblfa4Fue4Wzg9-aU9oeiA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRjAfskP0RBaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaGNwc3Mub3JnL2YvY29ubmVjdC9mYW1pbHktZmlsZS11c2VyLWluc3RydWN0aW9ucy5wZGZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmEfpMcgYcFfNYdSFWR1bGNlX2JveWVyQGhjcHNzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=04%7C01%7Cdulce_boyer%40hcpss.org%7C61a58ac7f46641f1736108d964864766%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637651350163805203%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GUZ6UEoWfojkOR2W6MoIBFnvCt7pZvbdEJ8wYU6CWJU%3D&reserved=0)  **2. Class Assignments- Class assignments may be found in Synergy. Your Family File for each student must be updated, signed, and submitted for the teacher assignment and schedule to show. Please complete this task before the posting of class assignments on Weds. August 25th at 4:00 pm.**  **3. Friday August 27th** **Kindergarten Orientation** Kindergarten Orientation will occur on Friday August 27th at 9:30 am.  All visitors and students should come to school fully masked. We ask that one parent accompany the kindergartener to the school. Please do not bring other family members. You will be directed to your child’s homeroom assigned teacher’s classroom. After the presentation is complete you will exit the school via the front lobby. A powerpoint will be placed on the school website for schoolwide information. Administration is available to answer questions by email at [robert\_bruce@hcpss.org](mailto:robert_bruce@hcpss.org)  or administration will be available in the lobby following classroom visits.  **Friday August 27th New Student Orientation Grades 1-5** **1:30-2:15- All new families last names begin with A-L** **2:15-3:00- All new families last names begin with M-Z**  All visitors and students should come to school fully masked. We ask that one parent or guardian accompany the student. Please do not bring siblings or other family members at this time. You will go to the cafeteria for a short presentation then you will visit your child’s homeroom teacher just to meet them. At the conclusion of the visit, you will go back to the main lobby to exit. You may bring school supply items you have purchased to leave at your desk in your classroom, this will lighten your load for Monday August 30th.  **Friday August 27th- 3:00-4:15 pm Open House-**For all existing students in the school. All students and visitors will come to the building fully masked. This is a time when everyone should have updated their Family File, so you will know your child’s teacher. You may enter the building and go directly to your child’s assigned homeroom teacher. Please do not roam the building looking for former teachers. You may drop off supplies in your classroom and meet your teacher. Upon completion, please go back to the lobby and exit the building.  4. School begins on Monday August 30th @ 9:15 am. Keep in mind that school will be closed on Monday September 6th for Labor Day and Tuesday September 7th for Rosh Hashanah.  5. News for the opening of Veterans Elementary School:   * **Universal Masking-**All students and staff will wear masks inside unless they are eating or drinking. * **Student Meals:** Meals will be provided at no cost to students. Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria and breakfast will be eaten in classrooms.  These meals will continue to be of the “grab & go” variety.  Elementary school students will have an assigned seating chart for lunch in order to provide data should a close contact situation arise. .  We will also use plexiglass dividers on **indoor** cafeteria tables. We are also making plans for some ability to have outdoor seating on fair weather days. These students will also have assigned seats. We will be able to sit approximately 30 children in a tent on the modified recess grounds. Obviously not all students will be able to eat outside so we will will prioritize our outdoor seating based on the needs of our student population. More details will come on this. * **PPE Supplies:**   + HCPSS will maintain an inventory of PPE supplies, including face masks and disinfectant wipes, for student and staff needs.   + Hand sanitizer stations will remain in place throughout school buildings.   + Parents should send their students with face coverings. * **Additional Care:**   + Plexiglass currently in place will remain.   + Health Rooms will continue to have a designated isolation area.   + General cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted throughout school buildings, in compliance with CDC guidelines. * **Halls, stairwells, and fountains:** * All traffic patterns will return to pre-closure patterns. * Water fountains may still only be used for filling water * containers. **Students are encouraged to bring water containers**. * **Air Quality (HVAC):**   + [Preventative maintenance of HVAC units](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FGl4EfTBThqJZW-wfJ19fKA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRjAfskP0QpaHR0cHM6Ly9oZWxwLmhjcHNzLm9yZy9oZWFsdGgtc2FmZXR5L0hWQUNXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmEfpMcgYcFfNYdSFWR1bGNlX2JveWVyQGhjcHNzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=04%7C01%7Cdulce_boyer%40hcpss.org%7C61a58ac7f46641f1736108d964864766%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637651350163815159%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=CltXrLgToez5uk4RNXU8HvisuZfYfnGNkNtng8%2Fnrjg%3D&reserved=0) is ongoing.   + Before the start of the school year, HCPSS will have replaced 12,439 air filters in the HVAC units serving all HCPSS buildings. In some cases, HVAC units are equipped with two air filter tracks, one for a prefilter and one for a final filter. In these cases, MERV 8 air filters were installed in the prefilter position and MERV 13 air filters were installed in the final filter position. If there was only one air filter track in the airstream (i.e., there was no prefilter), MERV 13 air filters were installed.   + During summer 2021, HCPSS staff and outside contractors checked the operation of outdoor air dampers and airside economizers for more than 900 HVAC units in all HCPSS buildings. Deficiencies were identified and addressed at the time or were noted for follow-up work, which will be completed prior to students returning August 30.   + HCPSS staff have or are in the process of checking the operation of more than 900 exhaust fans in all HCPSS buildings. Minor deficiencies were identified and immediately addressed; other deficiencies were noted for follow-up work, which will be completed prior to students returning August 30. * **Screenings for Illness:** HCPSS will continue its process of self-diagnostic screenings. **Parents/guardians also are reminded to conduct health checks each day before their children leave home.** [Details on health checks and when students should stay home](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F7azgEFomylGTS4bPXlmzkg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRjAfskP0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly9oZWxwLmhjcHNzLm9yZy9oZWFsdGgtc2FmZXR5L3N0dWRlbnQtc3ltcHRvbXNXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmEfpMcgYcFfNYdSFWR1bGNlX2JveWVyQGhjcHNzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=04%7C01%7Cdulce_boyer%40hcpss.org%7C61a58ac7f46641f1736108d964864766%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637651350163825115%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8HPeIjpSKbJeXzT00anoze0bMyW48lPDmJfJhW4mNVA%3D&reserved=0) can be found online.   **COVID-19 Testing:** HCPSS will continue to offer a [voluntary K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FXyFcMExndJh0ES3b6elDCQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRjAfskP0Q6aHR0cHM6Ly9oZWxwLmhjcHNzLm9yZy9jb3ZpZC10ZXN0aW5nL0hDUFNTLXRlc3RpbmctcHJvZ3JhbVcHc2Nob29sbUIKYR-kxyBhwV81h1IVZHVsY2VfYm95ZXJAaGNwc3Mub3JnWAQAAAAB&data=04%7C01%7Cdulce_boyer%40hcpss.org%7C61a58ac7f46641f1736108d964864766%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637651350163825115%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1%2F%2FPmtVjCgOlQ2HJunXuuJxLfnr3LiDMAnLdPY2hT4g%3D&reserved=0) that will provide free COVID-19 tests for students and school-based staff who develop COVID-like symptoms or are identified as close contacts while they are in a school building. COVID-19 Dashboard: HCPSS will continue to [publicly provide the number of positive test results self-reported to HCPSS](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fn2qZfp3ZPGEH5R4gOjDfFA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRjAfskP0QYaHR0cHM6Ly9jb3ZpZC5oY3Bzcy5vcmcvVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphH6THIGHBXzWHUhVkdWxjZV9ib3llckBoY3Bzcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~&data=04%7C01%7Cdulce_boyer%40hcpss.org%7C61a58ac7f46641f1736108d964864766%7C96a9ac4c477e4dada2b28ad3fc46790b%7C1%7C0%7C637651350163835072%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MwChZEX%2BZNLZeoaHitckaz6S8dDSBSU36B24303MARo%3D&reserved=0)of students, staff or visitors in school/office buildings during their contagious period.  In conclusion, **Mr. Bruce will hold a Question & Answer session with parents on Tuesday August 24th from 3:30-4:30 pm.** |

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