



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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Elementary*

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Dear Beacon Community,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer. My name is Sharon Hampton, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new principal of Beacon Elementary School. As I embark on my 26th year in education and my 6th year as a principal, I am filled with excitement and optimism about what this school year holds for us.

With experience spanning from teaching all grade levels from kindergarten through 8th grade, to serving as a Literacy Coach in a PK-2 building, I bring a wealth of knowledge and a deep commitment to fostering a positive learning environment. This year, my focus will be on enhancing direct instruction and improving attendance. Partnering with parents and the Beacon community will be central to our success, and I am eager to work together to achieve our goals.

Important Information for the Start of the 2024-2025 School Year:

- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024
- **Open House:** Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **School Hours:**
 - Full Days: 8:15 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
 - Half Days: 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Dress Code:

- **Tops:** Red or Maroon polo-style shirts
- **Bottoms:** Any color bottoms
- **Shoes:** Closed-toe shoes

Entry Procedures: Students will line up in the courtyard near the playground at their assigned class number and enter the school through Door C. On days with inclement weather, students will be admitted to the building as early as 8:00 a.m. Please avoid dropping off students before this time unless they are enrolled in our Latch-Key Program.

Dismissal Procedures: To ensure a safe and orderly dismissal, we will use a staggered process:

- GSRP dismissal: 3:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten dismissal: 3:05 p.m.
- Grades 1 and 2 dismissal: 3:10 p.m.

Open House: We invite you to join us on Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for our Open House. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers, explore the school, and get a glimpse of what's in store for the year ahead.

Communication: We will use MiStar (grading), Class Dojo, e-blasts, and robo-calls to keep you informed. Information on how to access these platforms will be provided by the school office and your child's homeroom teacher.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year filled with growth, learning, and collaboration. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. I can be reached by phone at (313) 245-5343 or via email at sharon.hampton@hwschools.org.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will make this a remarkable year for our students.

Warm regards,

Sharon Hampton
Principal
Beacon Elementary School

Providing all learners the tools needed to succeed in an ever changing world.

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