



May 27, 2022

Dear New Hawks,

The community at Hilburn Academy would like to welcome you and the Class of 2034! We are so happy to welcome you into our nest for the 2020-2021 school year. As a part of our family, we look forward to welcoming you into our Hawk's nest. We are eagerly planning to welcome your child to a special first day and school year. Prior to the beginning of the school year, we would like to invite you to our **Virtual Kindergarten Parent Night on June 7, 2022, at 6:00pm**. You can find the link on our Hilburn Webpage, as well as in your email. The link is here as well: www.meet.google.com/sqp-rxdm-uxm.

At Hilburn, our Kindergarten Team understands the unique needs of kindergarten students and families. We work hard to provide a nurturing, yet challenging environment that is aligned with the expectations of our district. As a part of our program, we screen each kindergarten student during their initial entry into kindergarten. The purpose of this screening is to identify your student's unique needs and learning style. Additionally, this screening allows us to create a more meaningful and personal approach during the first week of school. This process is called *Staggered Entry*. The screenings take place over the course of a regular school day (8:15-3:00pm). **Your student has been assigned one day to attend school between Monday, August 29th and Thursday, September 1st. This will be the only day your student comes to school during the week of August 29th. Your student only comes to school 1 day that week.** Please see the Staggered Entry dates are determined by the student's last name:

Monday, August 29: Students with Last Names A-D

Tuesday, August 30: Students with Last Names E-Man

Wednesday, August 31: Students with Last Names Mar-R

Thursday, September 1: Students with Last Names S-Z

Staggered Entry is used throughout Wake County as a best practice for kindergarten enrollment. This approach allows us to get to know your student well, which allows us to make the best classroom assignment possible for your student. On your assigned day, your student will join a small group of new friends in a classroom and will be able to meet all our teachers, teacher assistants, and administrators. To ensure this day runs smoothly, please note the following:

- Bring your student to school on your assigned day between 7:45 and 8:15am.
- Plan to park and escort your child to the front of the building and to depart after checking in.
- Pack one snack and a lunch OR pack one snack and send money for a cafeteria lunch.
- Pack a rest towel and change of clothes.
- Plan to pick up your student in the carpool line at 3:00pm OR to meet him/her at your assigned bus stop at 3:15pm.

On **Friday, September 2, 2022** we will host an Open House for you and your child between the hours of 1:00-2:00pm. You will be able to meet with your child's teacher and classmates at this time. Class lists will be posted outside the kindergarten classrooms and in the Kindergarten Lobby, so you will know your student's assignment. Your kindergartener's first official day of traditional school will all other kindergarten students will be Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

As we continue to support healthy schools in the midst of ongoing challenges with COVID-19. Please stay connected to the most recent health updates by visiting our online website at www.wcpss.net/HilburnAcademy.

We hope your family is safe, healthy, and well! We look forward to welcoming you into our nest!

Warmly,

Mariah Walker,

Principal