



August 9, 2016

Dear Hawley Environmental School Families,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! My name is Mr. Richard J. Bukosky and I have the privilege of serving you and our students as the acting principal to start this exciting school year! In a few weeks we will open our doors to welcome you and our children to the new school year. Together, we will create a year of brilliance for our students as we engage them in environmental education and service, create powerful student, family, and community partnerships, and collaboratively implement our school improvement plan. We are determined to provide each student with daily high quality instruction, and a safe, respectful, and responsible learning environment.

We will also work collaboratively and strategically with our families to increase overall student achievement, daily attendance, family involvement, and positive behavior. We need each of our families to collaborate with us so that our children reach their individual learning goals! We invite you to utilize our school's website (<http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/hawley/>) throughout the school year for updates and access to school-wide information. Student supply lists can be located on the MPS website main page by selecting "Families", then "Supply Lists". We also have a new Parent Coordinator joining our team this year; Mr. Lawrence! He will be an exceptional resource for you this school year. Universal breakfast is available for all of our students every school day in the classroom. Breakfast begins when students enter their classroom at 8:45 a.m., so please be sure your child arrives to school on time every day.

We will hold a "Garden Party" from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24 at Hawley Environmental School and invite our families and friends to stop by. Mrs. Zylstra will bring some light refreshments and snacks, and please feel free to bring something to add to the snack table. The gardens have been growing well and will have some food ready to be harvested and taken home. As always there is weeding and other maintenance to be done, and with your help we can make the gardens beautiful for our students' return. I am looking forward to meeting our students and families this night and will have student classroom assignments available for interested families.

Just a reminder for 4-year old and 5-year old kindergarten families that Milwaukee Public Schools have staggered attendance at the start of the school year. If you have a student attending K4 or K5 please review the letter on the back of this page for more details.

We look forward to your family joining us at our **"Back to School Open House"** on **Tuesday, August 30th, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** This will be an important opportunity for parents and students to meet their child's teacher, see their classroom, and sign up for our before/after school camp program (space is limited). I look forward to meeting your family and we are all excited to welcome our K3 and 1st – 5th grade children back to school on **Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 8:45 a.m.!**

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard J. Bukosky
Assistant Principal in Charge (APiC)



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Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

On behalf of the staff and families of Hawley Environmental School, welcome to kindergarten (K3, K4, or K5)! We are excited about the start of the 2016-2017 school year and look forward to getting to know your child and family. Overall, we are honored to have you become a part of our school community.

In order to provide a smooth transition for your child into school this year, we will use a “staggered start” the first three attendance days of school for students enrolled in K3, K4, and K5. On each of the first **three** days of school, a limited number of students will attend each day. On your child’s assigned day, the teacher will have the opportunity to begin to get to know the students and their needs more quickly. Also, these days allow for the students to make new friends, the teacher to explain and practice school routines and safety procedures, the creation of a classroom culture, and the implementation of several small group lessons and activities dealing with cooperation, self-control, and following directions.

Please refer to the following important details pertaining to your child’s assignment.

- Your child’s classroom assignment is _____.
- Your child will attend his/her **first day of school** on _____.
- **All** students will be in session on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Please note that if you have problems with your child’s “staggered” start date, please contact the school office at 414-256-8500 to discuss other accommodation options. Thank you for choosing Hawley Environmental School and I look forward to welcoming your child and you to the 2016-17 school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard J. Bukosky

Assistant Principal in Charge (APiC)

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