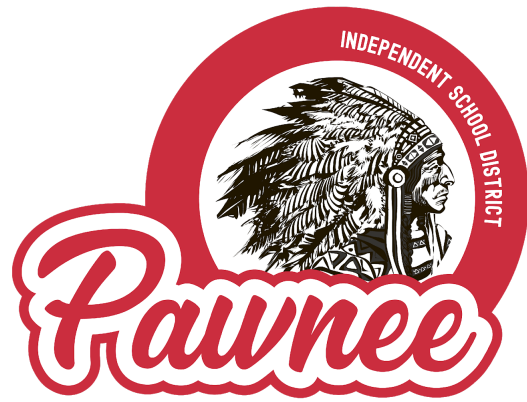


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Dear Pawnee ISD Parents, Staff, and Friends:

WELCOME BACK! Tomorrow, our doors will open at their normal time. It is difficult to believe that one year ago, campus principals worked to establish some sort of normalcy with the realization that we would not return after Spring Break. We faced the shock and confusion with a renewed commitment to our students and their families. No longer were items like our handbooks, schedules or many of our policies applicable to meeting the needs of our students. What stands out most to me from this time, is the simple fact that staff never put their own needs first. Campus leaders moved with confidence and compassion to be certain that we met the most basic needs of our families. We accomplished extraordinary things during unprecedented times.

We have worked together to make the best of any situation. I would be remiss to say all of these changes can be seen as bad. We continue to improve our online learning environment, we formed stronger relationships with our neighboring districts, partnership organizations and Coastal Bend College. We have mastered the art of delivering curbside meals ensuring no child goes hungry. Our understanding of the science behind staying healthy physically and mentally has grown. Many times we witnessed acts of compassion and caring by and for our neighbors. To this day, local church members continue to work with us as we move toward creating outdoor learning spaces at all grade levels.

This has been a record year for our district receiving grants. In addition to the \$400,000 Additional Day School Year(ADSY) grant, we have received the Blended Learning Grant (BLG) in the amount of \$125,000 and the Teacher Instructional Leadership (TIL) grant in the amount of \$50,800. These monies will go a long way in our 2021-2022, 210 day school year redesign efforts, and our commitment to doing the very best by our students and staff. They are just a few examples of the commitment your board of trustees has to our families and community.

Our school Board met on Tuesday, March 9th for a regular scheduled board meeting and lifted the mask mandate at Pawnee ISD (all sites). However, the board was deliberate in clarifying that mask wearing by students and staff will continue to be “highly recommended.” They are committed to our overall safety. We will continue to provide masks for any individual(s) who request one. All other Covid protocols will remain in place.

PLEASE NOTE : ANY TEACHER, EMPLOYEE, OR STUDENT will have the right to continue to wear their masks at all times.

Pawnee Proud!
Michelle Hartmann, Superintendent