

## August 2020 Newsletter

Good afternoon Hooper families,

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy. Hooper will be sending out newsletters throughout the school year with important information for the families to look over. PLEASE feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you might have. Thank you so much and I hope the first day of e-learning went as smoothly as possible.

**\* Please review the "Provision and Recording of Remote Educational Service" documents available on the district website under the COVID-19 Documentation information center regarding Student Privacy.**

### **Important Dates coming up**

- Monday, August 24- Textbook/material pick-up
- Tuesday, August 25- Curriculum Night
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- Thursday, August 27- Palombi Curriculum Night
- Monday, September 7- Labor Day, No School

### **Curriculum Night**

- Tuesday, August 25
  - EC-2 is 5:00-6:00
  - 3-6 is 6:00-7:00
- Staff will go over the daily schedule, expectations for e-learning and more

### **Textbook/Material Pickup Dates**

- Hooper will be having our material pick-up on the following dates and times:
  - Monday, August 24- 8:00am-12:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm
  - Tuesday, August 25- 8:00am-4:00pm
- Please drive up to the back of the school and follow the signs/cones for directions. You will stop by Door #9 to get your material. If you could please have a sign on the passenger side window with your child's last name, teacher's name and grade level it will make the process go smoother.
- Additional material pick-up dates are September 14th, October 5th, and November 2.

### **Chromebooks**

- **Daily support & repair operations have resumed:** We have resumed daily repair operations as well as general support as of 8/3. We have temporarily centralized support at Peter J. Palombi Middle School during full remote. If your student is having an issue with their school Chromebook or any other general school related IT issue, please send an email to [technology@district41.org](mailto:technology@district41.org) and a ticket will be created for you in our system. One slight change from the spring, during this full remote portion of the school year, if you need to come onsite (for repair, exchange....etc), please come to the media center entrance at Peter J. Palombi NOT the front office.

### **HOOPER ATTENDANCE LINE 847-245-8198**

- Please be sure to call in absences to the attendance line before 9:00am. Leave your student's name, grade and reason for absence.

### **PTO Info-**

The PTO would like to welcome our students and staff back after this extended break. I personally would like to thank the parents for their patience on the Hooper Parents facebook page and the many who helped us answer questions and troubleshoot issues. Here are a few things to look out for in the coming months. Spiritwear in September. Exact dates will be on the order form emailed to parents. This year we will be offering FREE pick up during Hoopers monthly worksheet pickup.

Virtual Book fair in Early November. All orders will be placed online and delivered to your homes. We are hoping for a great variety of books since we aren't limited by space this year.

Dining for Dollars is cancelled for now but each month in our newsletter we will feature a local business or two to help get word out about our wonderful small businesses in the area.

Please feel free to contact me at [HooperPTO@gmail.com](mailto:HooperPTO@gmail.com) with any questions.

Here's to a great school year!

Ashley Hammond

Hooper PTO VP

## Drive Through Grab-n-Go Lunch Service

Grab-n-Go lunches will be available for pickup at

Peter J. Palombi Middle School 133 McKinley Avenue, Lake Villa

### WHEN:

- Monday and Wednesday between 11:00 – 12:30

### HOW:

- Monday's service will provide bundled meals to cover lunch for Monday and Tuesday Wednesday's service will provide bundled meals to cover lunch for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- When picking up meals, the Parent/Guardian must provide the child's First & Last name and name of the school at which the student is registered. Please have your student's card with barcode (if one was provided with a chromebook) or lunch pin number with you for faster service.
- Parents need to prepay for meals using MySchoolBucks (no cash/check accepted at pick up site)
- Parents/Guardians must wear face masks and follow social distancing and signs at the pick-up site

### COST:

- Lunches will be charged to each student account upon pick up:
  - Free Meals to student who qualify for free meals
  - \$.40 per meal for student who qualify for reduced-price meals
  - \$2.95 per meal for students who do not qualify for free or reduced

Food Service is provided by Arbor Management. Contact/Questions:  
foodservice@district41.org

### **\* Pandemic EBT Food Benefits Deadline Extended to Aug. 31**

Thank you to all National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participating School Food Authorities for your assistance to date with the [Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) program](#)! We are asking for your help once again to reach out to families. The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) has extended the deadline to Aug. 31 to apply for this one-time special benefit available for March to June 2020.

Families can apply for Pandemic EBT at <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>. We do ask for schools to be prepared to print P-EBT applications for families without internet

access who request paper copies. Here are the links to the [English application](#) and the [Spanish application](#).

DHS [created a flyer](#) to help families with the application process. A [Spanish version](#) is also available. We are asking NSLP sponsors to share this flyer with their families. You can print them and include with grab-n-go meals, include in email communications, and/or post on your websites. Here are the links:

- English:  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980.pdf>
- Spanish:  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980S.pdf>

And please consider sharing this message on your social media:

- Did you know families with children who received free or reduced meals at National School Lunch Program participating schools last spring are eligible for Pandemic EBT benefits? Find out more information at [www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980.pdf) (Spanish: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980S.pdf>). The deadline to apply is Aug. 31.

Please contact us at [cnp@isbe.net](mailto:cnp@isbe.net) if you have any questions. Thank you for all you're doing to feed students in this unique time of need.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact your children(s) teacher, or the administration.

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