

Vogel Intermediate School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you have been enjoying your summer! As always, we have been busy this summer preparing for the upcoming year. We are very excited to start the 2017-18 school year! If you are returning to Vogel this year, welcome back! If you are new to our school, we are thrilled that you will be a Vogel Texan this year!! We are honored to serve this community, and we can't wait to start another great year with all of our Texans!! Please know that our doors are always open, and we strive for open communication between the home and school. We know it is going to be an amazing year!!

We will be having Meet the Teacher for all students on Monday, August 14th. Fifth grade Meet the Teacher is from 4:00-5:30, and Sixth grade Meet the Teacher is from 4:30 – 6:00pm. This “come and go” event will allow parents and students to find out who their teachers will be, and will give them the opportunity to bring their supplies, see the rooms in their Learning Community (LC), and see who will be in their class. ***Parking at Vogel is limited. Many parents may need to park a significant distance from campus and walk the rest of the way. The Oak Ridge Transportation Center will be opening their parking lot to assist Vogel parents during our “Meet the Teacher” event. Parking will also be allowed in the right lane of the car rider staging area, located across the street from Vogel. Please dress comfortably and wear shoes that allow for walking. We appreciate your patience and understanding!***

Shortly before Meet the Teacher night, your child's homeroom teacher will be calling to introduce herself/himself. They will have bus numbers and times available for you if your child is eligible for bus service. The computer lab will be available during Meet the Teacher night for parents to check their child's bus information, and to complete the volunteer application and lunch applications. Also at Meet the Teacher Night, or on the first day of school, you will be receiving a Parent Information Guide with just a couple of forms to complete and return, if they apply.

Updating student information – Parents will now complete all district back to school forms online via Info. Snap. You will need an email address to register for an account and complete the forms. If you need assistance with registering for an email account, please call the school and we will be happy to help you!

Bus Riders – Students living within one mile of the school will not be eligible for bus service. To access bus information online, please go to: www.conroeisd.net. If a computer is not available, you can call the Transportation Department at 832-592-8850 for bus numbers. **Please note that during the first few days of school, buses may run very late. This is due to the drivers learning the students and their stops, as well as traffic. Please be patient with the drivers... the drop off times should improve after the first full week of school.** If you want to drive your child to/from school the first few days, this might be the perfect opportunity!! During the school year, transportation policy states that students may not ride another bus without prior permission from transportation, and a note written to the school. Please send a note to your child's teacher with any changes to your child's transportation, or call the front office if an emergency change is needed during the day. Emails are not recommended as teachers may not receive the email in time for dismissal.

Fine Arts Classes – Students will choose their fine arts class during the first weeks of school. They will be able to choose between Art, Choir, Band and Orchestra. Students will attend this class every day, and must make a one year commitment to the fine arts class that they choose. If your child will be selecting orchestra or band, please do not purchase or rent an instrument at this time. Those teachers will provide parents with information on purchasing and renting instruments during the first few weeks of school

School T-Shirts – Students and parents will be able to order a 2017-18 Vogel school shirt during the first two weeks of school. Watch for the order form to come home on the first day of school.

Car Riders – Parents are required to have a 2017-18 pink Vogel car rider sign displayed in the front window to indicate who will be riding in each car. Car rider signs will be available at Meet the Teacher night and during the first week of school. Parents picking students up in the car rider line MUST get in the car rider lane on the south side of Geffert Wright. Parents are NOT allowed to park and walk up to pick up students. If all parents follow the rules of dismissal, and the flow of traffic, the car rider line runs smoothly each day. Car riders must be picked up no later than 4:15. However, due to the volume of car riders at the beginning of the year, our car rider line will run much later.

School Newsletter/Communication – We now send the majority of school information home via email. Please be sure that we have your current email address so that you can keep up to date on all that is going on at Vogel. Parents will receive The Tumbleweed Press monthly to keep everyone posted on what is coming up at school.

School Lunches – This year, breakfast is \$1.35 and lunch is \$2.85. Financial assistance is available. Free and Reduced lunch applications are now available on line at www.applyforlunch.com, and are easily accessible when completing your back to school forms on Info. Snap. Please complete this application if it applies to you, even if you do not regularly eat lunch at school. If you have any questions or concerns about the cafeteria, please call 832-663-4369 to speak to the cafeteria manager, Tansy Luke. **Often times, during the first weeks of school, students prefer to bring their lunches due to the long lines.** As students learn their lunch numbers, the lines will move faster. Please discuss with your child if he or she would prefer to bring a lunch at the beginning of the school year to ensure that they will have time for recess. Menus are available online at www.conroeisd.net by clicking on “Departments,” and then “Child Nutrition.”

Dropping items off for your child – This year, we have a student drop off table in the front foyer. Parents can leave items there in the foyer without having to wait in line to deliver them to the main office. Students can then pick their items up when there is a transition in class. We will not call students up for items if they are aware that parents are dropping them. off. This change is an attempt to reduce classroom disruptions.

School Hours – Our school day begins at 8:55 and ends at 4:00. The tardy bell rings at 8:56. Students may arrive at 8:00. Students should remain in their cars until a staff member is on duty at 8:00. Parents may not leave students in front of the building unattended. Walkers and bike riders should not arrive to campus before this time. Please keep in mind that it is a safety issue to make sure that all students are supervised at all times. We appreciate your assistance with this!

Medical Conditions and Medicine – Please be sure to inform our school nurse, Gay Gohlke, of any existing medical conditions. Any medications must be checked in through the clinic by the parent/guardian, including over the counter medication. Students cannot transport medication to and from school at any time, nor can a student check medication into the clinic. Immunizations must be current. Please talk with the nurse about any concerns.

We look forward to a great year at Vogel Intermediate! Please feel free to call or stop by if there are any questions or concerns with regards to the upcoming school year!! Our first day is Wednesday, August 16th!

Sincerely,

Tara Vandermark, Principal

Parking on Meet the Teacher night and the morning of the first day of school

Parents may park in the front or back lot of the school. Additional parking will be available where we normally line up for car riders. The Vogel car rider line entrance is located next to the entrance of the Transportation Department and signs will be in place to assist you in finding the entrance. Parents will be allowed to park in the right lane only. Please leave the left lane open for those arriving or departing.

****For Meet the Teacher Night only**** ...Parents will be able to utilize the parking lot for the Oak Ridge Transportation Center. Signs will be posted to assist parents in finding the entrance to this lot, which is just to the west of the back parking lot entrance of Vogel.