

August 1, 2016

Hello HHA families!

Can you believe we open next week? It seems like a dream come true - a very busy, confusing and fast paced dream!

I think I can speak for my board when I say that we have been waiting longingly for the day we open our doors. We have been through a lot to make this happen, and while we did not get the time we wanted to prepare, we are ready! Our Principal Natalia Miller-Forrest continues to be amazing in every way and works non-stop to make sure our policies are in place, and that our teachers are ready to go! Principal Miller-Forrest has a fantastic office manager, Tina Knisley who is incredibly organized and has already proven to be a valuable resource for HHA. I hope you all get a chance to meet them. We also have a dedicated team of teachers who are all diligently training.

I'm sure you all have lots of questions, hopefully this letter will answer some of them:

Schedule:

We will mostly follow the CCSD traditional calendar. We are starting school August 9th. School time is 7:30 to 2:45. Morning drop off begins at 7:10.

Carpool:

We have a VERY detailed process which we expect ALL to follow. Pick up and drop off can be dangerous, unorganized and maddening for parents and students when there are people who do not follow the rules. Please be diligent in following our rules. We will have a traffic pattern map as part of your back to school packet.

If you carpool with another family, you can use the time you drive to and from school to count toward volunteer hours. This will only count if you drive students from other families, not multiple students from your own family :)

Uniforms:

Our uniform policy is on our website. If you have any questions you can read our detailed uniform policy online. You do not have to buy uniforms from Educational Outfitters, unless you want the HHA logo, or the plaid dresses and skirts. Plaid can only be worn if it is purchased through Educational Outfitters. You can purchase items online. I have found that some items run small, so it would be wise to go to the shop to try things on.

Education Outfitters
8170 S University Blvd, Centennial
720-200-6666

School Supplies:

You can also find school supply lists on our website. Teachers may have a few additional items they would like to add on back to school night.

School Fees:

Since charter schools typically do not use the same curricula that the rest of the district, and because we will not have access to many district resources, HHA will require a students to pay a yearly fee to cover curriculum costs, and other materials. This fee will be due on back to school night, Aug 8th. The fee is \$75.

Back to school night:

We are so excited to have you all at our school for back to school night, Monday, August 8th from 5-7 pm. You will be able to meet your teachers, see the building, ask questions and socialize with other families!

Enrollment:

We are enrolling students from 1-4 pm on both Saturday, August 6th and Sunday, August 7th at our school location at 19697 E. Smoky Hill Road in Centennial. We will also be enrolling students at our Back to School night on Monday, August 8th. Remember! If you refer a family to enroll in HHA, you will be awarded 15 volunteer hours. We need to fill our seats, and we have a few left in most grades, so let's fill those seats!! We would love to fill them with friends and family of our current HHA families!

If you have any questions, our parent nights are very informative. Principal Miller-Forrest, Tina, and many board members will be there to answer your questions.

Thank you so much for your support, excitement and patience as we work like crazy in our short, allotted time! We can't wait for Aug 9th! First day of school! Go Eagles!

[Jen Gibbons](#)

HHA Board Chair