

## **Bluejay Strong – January 23, 2024**

Good afternoon students and parents.

The reopening of our schools is beginning this week with a phased approach. This includes an open house today for elementary students and their parents, and an open house tomorrow for middle school students and their parents.

We will continue to keep everyone updated and post the latest information, as needed. Please continue to monitor the district's website, Facebook pages and Bluejay Strong for updates. If you have additional questions, send them to [Bluejaystrong@g.perry.k12.ia.us](mailto:Bluejaystrong@g.perry.k12.ia.us).

## **News for Today – Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

### **SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN**

#### **Elementary, Preschool and PACES**

- Today, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., is an open house for students and parents at the elementary building. Counseling services will be available onsite.
- Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 24 – Elementary students return to the classroom and will have early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. PACES also resumes its normal schedule, from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25 – Preschool restarts – AM preschool is from 8:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. and PM preschool is from 11:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Transportation will run as usual, and parents will need to drop off and pick up at the main Elementary School doors on the west side by the flagpole.

#### **Middle School and Success Center**

- Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 24, is the open house for students and parents from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the middle school. Counseling services will be available onsite.
- Thursday, January 25, is the first day middle school students return to the classroom with an early dismissal at 1:45 p.m.

#### **High School**

- The open house for parents and students and the first day of school do not occur until next week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lunches** – Grab and Go lunches will continue until January 30<sup>th</sup>. They can be picked up from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the east parking lot of the elementary school. Please pull up to the service drive – door #8 to receive a lunch.

### **COUNSELING**

**Important Note to Parents:** When schools reopen, counseling support will be available to all students who are seeking additional support. If you DO NOT wish for your child to receive

these support services, please reach out to your building principal. If you have additional questions, please contact Laura Skeel, Director of Learning Supports, at 515-330-6970.

### **Heart of Iowa Community Services**

Heart of Iowa Community Services ([www.hicsiowa.org](http://www.hicsiowa.org)) can connect students needing counseling to long-term mental health support and care coordination services in the McCreary Center (1800 Pattee Street) from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Financial assistance is available for those without insurance or with limited insurance coverage. We will also post support resources on the school Facebook pages. Contact Brandon Tews at [brandon.tews@dallascountyiowa.gov](mailto:brandon.tews@dallascountyiowa.gov) or 515-993-1722.

### **Project Recovery Iowa**

Visit [Project Recovery Iowa](#) – to sign up for a time for a virtual conversation, phone or chat and indicate the time that works for you. Call 1-800-447-1985 for more information.