

July 15, 2020

Greetings Scorpion Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2020-21 school year; all of us at Bill Sybert School are eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for our Scorpion Scholars' return. It is important that everyone who steps through our doors: staff, Scorpion Scholars, parents and community members are excited to be here! A positive attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun and nurturing environment. We know that this year will be faced with new challenges as we navigate through uncharted waters; but there is no obstacle we can't overcome together. Our theme for the new school year is "#StrongerTogether" please join me on our quest for excellence, all aboard the #122EnergyBus! Our students' first book of the month read will be the Energy Bus for Kids by Jon Gordon. This will set the positive, forward thinking that will serve as our motto and lead us to true accomplishment at Scorpion Country, at home and in the community! "What we put our energy and attention on starts to show up more in our life." – Jon Gordon; "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller.

We know that it takes the commitment of both home and school for our students to reach their highest potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for our scholars' success, and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of our scholars. We ask that you guide and support your scholar's in their learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time. We are pending parent surveys to finalize times and schedules. But whether you chose remote learning or hybrid model, we do expect our scholars to log in and be ready to learn with live instruction
2. Completes all homework assignments
3. Reads daily to develop love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
6. Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go to college. College and Career Readiness begins in Pre-Kinder

Please mark your calendars for Open House, the week of August 10; all meetings will be virtual through TEAMS APP. We will be discussing student safety and learning expectations for the year, as well as provide you with valuable information about our school. We highly encourage you to attend, so that we can clarify any questions you may have.

The first day of school is **Monday, August 17; we will be starting remotely**. Our Start and end times are:

Prek-2nd Grades: AM Session 8:15am-11:30 am; PM 12:15pm-3:30pm; or Traditional full day 8:15am-3:30pm
3rd-8th Grades: Full Day, 8:15am-3:30pm



Agendas this year will be electronic through TEAMS Calendars.

The wonderful Scorpion Staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. With your support, we will continue to develop the very real gifts and talents of all of our scholars. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me or any of the Bill Sybert Staff, if you have additional questions. I will be sending monthly and weekly newsletters through blackboard and post them on our school website as well as twitter to keep you informed and involved throughout the school year. Also, please follow us on Twitter for daily highlights and announcements: @Bsybert_PK8. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Best Regards,

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Fuel Your Ride With Positive Energy

- A choice? Yes, you've really got a choice. As it says in The Energy Bus, you cannot control the events that happen around you, but you do have a choice in how you respond to them.

Remember the formula **E + P = O**
Events + Perception = Outcome

