

# PIPER USD 203

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Dear Pirate Nation,

Happy August! The countdown to the beginning of the 2021.2022 school year is on and stuff is getting real! New teachers begin in 8 days! Returning staff return in 10 days! Students begin walking through our doors in 15 days! The buildings and technology have been cleaned and sanitized! Administrators are working tirelessly in the buildings! Staff is hired! **LET'S DO THIS!**

## **August 14<sup>th</sup> District Community Service Day: Beautification of District Landscaping**

While our small but mighty District Maintenance and Grounds Team has worked overtime this summer to stay on top of mowing, we would very much appreciate helping hands in some final landscaping projects prior to the beginning of the school year. We ask for our students to give us our best every day at school and we want to give the students our best as they begin school in August!

On August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, we are asking for any parents, patrons, and/or students 12 years or older who are interested in helping us manicure our grounds to indicate your interest [here](#). Final details will be emailed prior to the event and we are happy to sign off on student community service hours. Thank you for your consideration!

## **COVID-19 Update**

The District's plans and mitigation strategies as it relates to COVID-19 for beginning the 2021-2022 school year will be discussed at the August Board of Education Meeting. Our next meeting is **August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the library at the CTE Center. **Any changes in protocol will be shared with parents via our website, social media platforms, and my Tuesday Talk on August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

As we consider COVID protocols, please know that circumstances may change and, in turn, influence our decision-making and actions throughout the remainder of the summer, the start of school, and throughout the fall and winter. We will continue to keep our school families informed and updated as we work to finalize our plans for the 2021-2022 school year. The safety of students, staff, and our community is, and will continue to be, our top priority. Please know that there may be instances during the upcoming school year where unpredicted or unexpected circumstances lead to us needing to make quick decisions. If this occurs, we will communicate with you as quickly as possible.

## **Sunflower Summer**

We are very excited to share with you an opportunity for your family to experience nearly 70 Kansas attractions at no cost from now until mid-August. "Sunflower Summer" is a program that was developed by the Kansas State Department of Education and the goal is for students and families to have fun and experience as many of these attractions as possible this summer.

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[This video](#) explains in more detail this program's purpose and how to begin the process of accessing these free attractions through the Sunflower Summer app (Google Play and Apple App Store), which requires a brief registration process that is explained in more detail [HERE](#).

There is also a website [www.sunflowersummer.org](http://www.sunflowersummer.org) that contains links to the apps and some additional information about this exciting, fun, and free opportunity.

## **Enrollment Reminder**

As I mentioned above, we are quickly approaching the start of the 21-22 school. Please make sure you have enrolled/re-enrolled all of your children through Skyward, submitted required documentation, and paid all applicable fees. These steps are required for your child to be on an elementary class list or receive their schedule.

Proud to a Pirate!

Dr. Jessica Dain  
Superintendent of Schools