

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Labay Middle School family, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our returning and new families and staff! This summer, we had the opportunity to meet with many students and parents during our Community Visits. We thank all of you who were able to attend. Our vision this year is for students to enjoy coming to school and for parents to feel their children are safe and academically challenged. The entire Labay staff and I look forward to collaborating with you to create a nurturing and disciplined environment with high expectations for student success!

Each new school year brings changes. We are excited to share some of the new procedures we have in place for your student this year at Labay. They include:

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) is a program designed to focus on teaching and reinforcing appropriate social behaviors in all areas of our school. Our PBIS motto is SOAR (Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect). Students will be expected to be safe, have ownership, demonstrate achievement, and show respect throughout the school day and during extracurricular events. Preventive teaching and acknowledgements are used to positively reinforce appropriate behaviors. A copy of the PBIS matrix will be posted on our website soon.
- Tutoring: All tutoring will be held from 7:25 am to 7:55 am beginning the fourth week of school. Your child's teachers will notify you if he/she needs to attend tutoring.
- Textbooks: Students will not be required to check out textbooks this year. Instead, a class set of books will be available in each room for student use. On-line textbooks will also be available for most courses at <http://schools.cfid.net/labay/index.stm> by the end of the second week of school. If you would like your child to have books at home, a Parent Textbook Request Form can be requested through your child's advisory teacher. Return the signed form to your child's advisory teacher, and books will be delivered to his/her 7th period class. All textbooks should remain at home until the end of the school year.
- Locker Stops: To reduce hallway crowding and tardies, students will be allowed to go to lockers 3 times during the day: before school, after 3rd period, and after 6th period. Advisory teachers will help students plan what materials they will need during each of those locker stops.
- Lunches: Due to an increase in student enrollment, we will have 4 lunches this year. A lunch schedule is attached.
- Bell Schedule: School hours are 8:10 am – 3:10 pm. No late buses are available this year for after school tutoring, athletics, or other extracurricular activities.
- Skateboards: Skateboards will not be allowed in the building. If your child rides a skateboard to school, they will need to lock it up on the bike racks located in the front of the building or near the gyms.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance; we look forward to a great year of learning!

Sincerely,

Patty Mooney
Principal