

Pinellas Park Elementary Fast Facts for Parents 2016-2017

- ***Our first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 10th at promptly 8:35 AM.***
- Important information, updates and school supply lists are located on school webpage: <http://www.pcsb.org/pp-es>
- A Meet & Greet will be held on Tuesday, August 9th from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. This is a time for all of our students to visit their classrooms, meet the teacher, drop off any school supplies, or ask any questions. The teachers and staff will be very busy preparing for the opening of school so we ask all parents to adhere to our Meet & Greet times. Classrooms will not be open for visitations before 1:00 PM or after 3:00 PM.
- Parents are welcome to escort students to class Wednesday, August 10th-Friday, Friday, August 12th. For safety purposes, we will do this for the first three days only; then we will maintain a secure campus for the remainder of the school year.
- **Please be sure your child knows how he/she will be getting home from school each day!!** Start this way of work day 1. If your child is a bus rider, have him/her ride the bus. This prevents confusion later.
- Student hours for K-5th grade: 8:35 AM- 3:05 PM.
- Modified dress code is in effect. Notification provided on PPE website and in student agenda book.
- VPK options include morning or full day. See or call Mrs. Chancey (DMT) for details at 547-7888.
- Breakfast starts for 1st-5th grade at 7:45 AM, must drop off at North car circle only (near library).
- Breakfast starts for K at 8:05 AM.
- Breakfast ends promptly at 8:30 AM.
- VPK students eat breakfast in the classroom.
- All students receive free breakfast & lunch.
- Students welcomed to classroom at 8:20 AM, seated & ready to learn **promptly at 8:35 AM**. Students will be marked as tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:35 AM. Attendance is vital to learning and monitored closely.
- Bus circle & car circle: please refer to map.
 - **The West car circle (53rd St) is for VPK & K only.**
 - **The North car circle (library) is the carline for 1st-5th grade.**
 - **The East lot (52nd St) is for buses only during the following times: 8 AM-8:45 AM and 2:15 PM-3:30 PM.**
- Bus riders: Wear colored bands /bands on backpack for first week of school. Pick up your bus band early at the table near media center during Meet & Greet Aug, 9th. Students who are eligible bus riders should receive a postcard in the mail in mid August with his/her assigned bus stop, route number, pick up time, and drop off time. If you do not receive a postcard in the mail or have a questions about transportation you can call the help line at 587-2020 or visit the transportation link on the Pinellas County Schools website: www.pcsb.org
- Car riders: please complete a name plate to hang on rear view mirror/place on dashboard to include LAST Name, first name & grade. These are available in the classroom. Each family of car riders will be give 2 name plates and must have this to pick up the student. This is to ensure safety of students. Failure to have name placard may result in you having to report to the office to sign out your child.
- For car riders: Older siblings go to the car circle of the youngest child. (Example: 4th grade student would go to the Kindergarten car circle with sibling.)
- R'Club is available for before & after care. Located in the MPR/café.
- Please sign up for PTA. \$5 membership fee. Please partner with us in your child's education!
- If your child will need to have prescription or over the counter (OTC) medication during school hours, it is important for you to visit the front office prior to school starting. Both prescription and OTC medications require additional paperwork to be completed by the parent and/or doctor. Prescription medication may ONLY be brought in by the parent and must be in the original prescription bottle.
- Mark your calendars for Back to School Night & Annual Title I meeting. Thursday, Aug 11th starting at 6 PM. More details to come.