

# Welcome to the 25/26 school year!

## It's time to start school!



We are excited to have our Jaguars with us for the 2025/26 school year. Please see our webpage at <https://www.pcsb.org/bayvista-es> for teacher contact information, welcome letters, and supply lists. Also be sure to listen for parent messenger calls and emails from me. Thank you for your support and for entrusting Bay Vista to educate your student.

Stay safe and let's have a great year! —

Mr. Jones, Principal



### ARRIVAL

School will start on August 11<sup>th</sup>. School hours are 8:15 am to 2:25 pm. The campus opens for students at 7:45 at their arrival gate. **CARS MAY NOT LINE UP IN THE CARLINE UNTIL 7:40am.**

- Students should not be on campus prior to 7:45 a.m. It is imperative that all families respect this request.
- We ask that students and families continue our protocol of not congregating in front of the school. Therefore, parents may not gather on campus or drop students off before 7:45. The **R' Club** has before and after care for those that need it. These programs open at 6:30 am. Please contact Mr. Dominic for more info (727) 433-4286 or (727) 578-5437. **R' Club families should utilize the parking spaces to the south of the cafe when dropping off students in the morning. R' Club does not accept students after 7:30am.**
- **All students should arrive via the car circle unless he/she is a walker or arriving via bus/van with a before school program. All adults MUST stay in their car while dropping off or picking up students. Students should only exit cars from the passenger side.**
- Students in **car seats should be on the right side of the car** and ready to exit, with all items in hand. Staff members and patrols will be available to assist for a safe and timely arrival/dismissal out of/into the car.
- Upon arrival at 7:45-8:05, students will **enter campus through their assigned grade level gate which is color-coded. Color-coded gates are for ARRIVAL ONLY. Parents may not escort students to class.**
- Grab & Go Breakfast Carts are located just inside each gate to pick up a pre-packaged meal to eat at one of our designated outdoor dining areas.
- Students arriving after 8:05 who are eating breakfast will pick up from a Grab & Go Cart and report directly to class. **Breakfast concludes at 8:10.**
- **Please plan for all students to arrive by 8:05 to ensure they have enough time to walk to class before the final, tardy bell at 8:15. Students MUST BE IN CLASS BY 8:15 to avoid a tardy.**
- All gates will be locked at 8:15. **Tardy students must be walked up and signed in at the front office by a parent/guardian.**
- **ARRIVAL GATES: For families with multiple students, please drop your children off at the youngest student's gate. Parents may not enter campus to escort students to class. Cars MAY NOT line up in carline prior to 7:40.**
  - **R' Club**-Students will enter the cafeteria directly from the car circle prior to 7:35.
  - **Blue Gate** – Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 4th grade (between main bldg. and K bldg.)-ENTER IN LEFT THRU LANE to miss Purple Gate
  - **Purple Gate / Rainbow Garden Gate** - 2nd and 5th grade-ENTER CARLINE IN THE RIGHT LANE.
  - **Orange Gate** -58th Avenue – Before/After School Vans only

Students will receive colored bands for their backpacks as a reminder of their assigned arrival gate. It is imperative that students only enter campus at their assigned gates. Please do not remove the colored bands from student backpacks for the first month of school.

**Cell Phones/Smart Watches** - May not be used while on campus at any time. Phones/Smart Watches must be OFF, inside backpacks, and not visible on campus at ANY time or they will be confiscated.



**First day of school** – Kindergarten families may walk students to class for the first day of school only. Please say your goodbyes at the classroom door on this day as parents should not enter classrooms. Teachers will be tending to students and will not be available to engage in parent conversations. All parents should exit campus no later than 8:20 unless they attend the Boo Hoo Woo Hoo event.



**The Clinic** – If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If a student gets sick during the school day, a staff member in the front office will assess your child. If a student exhibits illness beyond the normal stomachache or minor injury, we will request that you pick your child up. **I strongly encourage you to make back-up plans for pick up and provide the front office with several people for us to contact on your behalf.**

❖ **MEDICATIONS:** If your child needs to have a medication administered (OTC or prescribed) during school hours, it is important for you to visit the front office PRIOR to school starting. ALL types of medications require additional paperwork that must be completed by a parent and/or doctor. Students MAY NOT transport any medications to school.

**Volunteers** – We are happy to welcome volunteers on campus. For more information about how you can be involved in the school, please contact the front office. Volunteers should set up volunteer times with teachers in advance. When volunteering for a campus event, please do not bring animals or non-Bay Vista children or students to campus. We appreciate our volunteers and want to ensure their focus is on supervising Bay Vista students and supporting staff with the campus event for which they are volunteering. Thank you for adhering to this guideline.

**After-School Activities & Tutoring** - More information will be shared at the end of August.

**Lunch with your Jaguar** - Parents may join their child in the Rainbow Garden **beginning Monday, 9/8**. Adults must sign in at the office and must also be listed on the clinic card as an approved contact. **Visitor badges must always be visible and must be returned to the office prior to leaving campus. Please do not bring animals, siblings, or non-Bay Vista students to campus. Parents may have lunch with their child only. Lunch with your Jaguar is available each day EXCEPT the first day of each month.**



**In case of emergencies**, please ensure that you have the correct contact information on file to stay informed about what's occurring at your child's school and in the district. Parents and guardians can receive phone calls and emails. Please check that your contact info (phone numbers and email addresses) is correct in focus so you don't miss my weekly communications.

## DISMISSAL

Please be patient during our first few days of dismissal. Like the start of every school year, dismissal can seem a bit chaotic. As your principal, I truly appreciate everyone's smile and understanding during dismissal. Please remain in your car during dismissal.

- Students will be dismissed through the car circle as a "car rider" unless they are a "walker" or a "van rider". **Assigned carline lanes are for A.M. arrival only. Please use either lane for P.M. dismissal. Students may only be loaded into cars from the passenger side.**
- **HANG TAGS FOR CAR RIDERS:** You will be given a name tag sign to hang in your car to assist staff with calling for your child as you arrive in the car line for dismissal each day. It is imperative that you hang this sign from your rear-view mirror.
- **Parents may not walk onto campus to pick up students.** All students not leaving campus in a car or van are considered 'walkers'. **Staff members will accompany walkers to the PARENT MEETING POINT by 2:30. Please be on time to pick up students.** Parents may meet their walkers at the PARENT MEETING POINT in the grassy area near the staff parking lot on Dr. MLK Street. **Parents should NOT cross the crosswalk/carline to meet or pick-up students (see map below).** Please make sure your student knows how they are going home each day. Please inform your child's teacher, via the agenda, of any changes in how he/she will go home on a given day. **Staff are unable to accommodate walk-ups and parents are not allowed to gather on campus. Parents who walk up to pick up their students will be redirected to join the car line. Students will not be called to meet walking parents as it will interfere with the efficiency of the car line and 'walkers'.**
- All parents must use the car circle to drop-off and pick up students daily if their student is not a 'walker'.
- No early dismissal after 1:30 p.m. as it interferes with closing instruction and dismissal routines.
- Students picked up after 2:50 will receive a tardy.
- **Cars may not line up in the car line prior to 2:00 p.m.**

**See Arrival/Dismissal Map below.**



