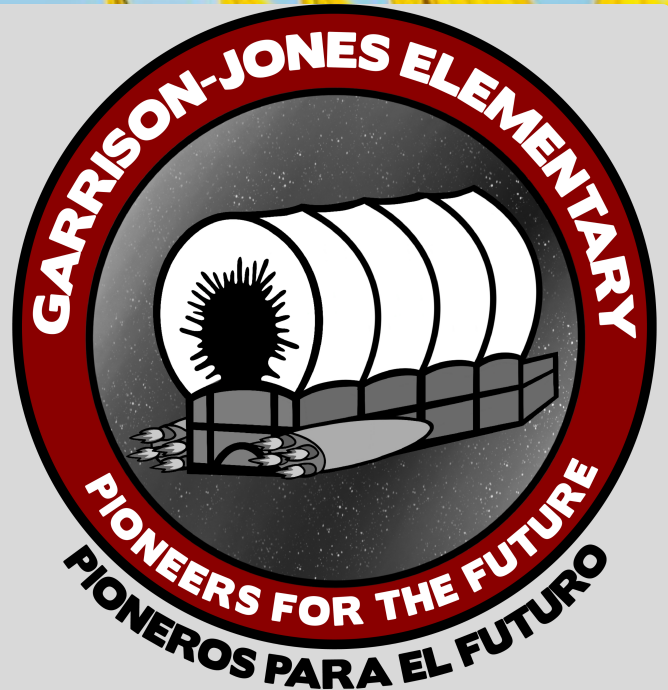


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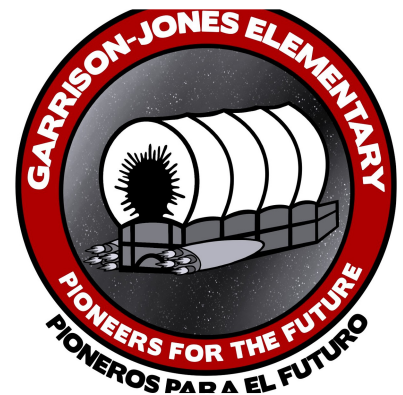
## Welcome Back 2024-2025 School Year

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### Principal Tapia's Message

Garrison-Jones Families,

The start of the new school year is quickly approaching, and the excitement is building up! I look forward to seeing our students and families on campus very soon. The beginning of a new school year is a memorable time for the entire family. To help you get ready for this upcoming school year, this message includes useful information about upcoming events and general reminders for a strong start to a new school year. Please take a few minutes to review and do give us a call during school business hours should you have any questions.



We look forward to seeing everyone at our Back-to-School Open House (formerly Meet and Greet) on Friday, August 9th. More information is below. See you soon, Pioneers!

Mrs. Tapia

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## Back to School Open House

This year we will be combining our Meet and Greet and Open House! This will ensure that parents attending Meet and Greet will receive important information typically shared at Open House. There are two sessions being held for each classroom, so you can choose what works best for your family. There will be a lot of information and support for families provided on this day!

- Parent tech support with FOCUS accounts in the media center.
- PTA membership drive and school spirit sale, beginning at 12:00.
- Dunedin Rec before/after school programs information.
- Bring and drop off school supplies in classrooms. The school supply lists can be found on the Garrison-Jones website at <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/5977>.
- Meet your child's teacher and learn important information for the upcoming school year.

We hope to see you there!



## Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on the front office windows on August 8th at 4:00pm. Parents may also find this information in FOCUS. If you are not able to access Focus, please call the school for support or visit the media center during the Back-to-School Open House. **All student forms are now digital in Focus.** We ask that parents fill out all necessary forms on Focus prior to the start of the school year.

## Arrival and Dismissal

We are excited to welcome both our returning and new Pioneers to Garrison-Jones. If you are a returning Pioneer family, you know that dismissal time is a very busy time of the day. We have more than 600 students leaving as walkers, bike riders, bus riders or the car line daily. In order to ensure staff, student and family safety during this busy time, we ask that you read through this information and practice these guidelines



beginning the first day of school. Please be patient during the first couple weeks of school and give one another grace during dismissal.

### **Car Line, Bus, and After-School Program Dismissal**

- The North/Pink Car Circle is for students in PreK, Kindergarten, 5th grade and any student who has a sibling in those grades
- The South/Green Car Circle is for students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade
- The Bus Circle is for bus riders and any van or off-campus program riders (students attending after-school care off campus, i.e. Lee's Taekwondo)

### **Car Line Dismissal Safety Procedures & Expectations**

- **All vehicles must have a Garrison-Jones Dismissal Tag when picking up students.** If you need an extra tag for a family member, please let your child's teacher know. This year, if you do not have a tag, we will ask you to park and come to the office with your ID to get a tag.
- **Parents may not exit the vehicle during arrival/drop-off.**
- If you need to exit the vehicle to put your child in a car seat, please park in the parking lot.
- Students should enter the car on the passenger side, so they are not walking in the line of any moving vehicles.
- Please limit cars passing one another in the car line whenever possible.
- If you are picking up a 5th grade safety patrol, please park in the lot to wait for the student or do not arrive until 3:15 when their duties are completed.

### **Walkers, Golf Carts and Bikers Safety Procedures & Expectations**

- Please be sure to supervise your student during dismissal. Students should be next to the parent or adult picking up the child.
- Utilize walkways and keep our campus beautiful by staying off the rocks and shells.

**Thank you for helping keep our students and staff safe at Garrison-Jones.**

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## ***First Day of School - August 12th***

The first day of school is Monday, August 12th and student hours are 8:45am-2:55pm. We look forward to welcoming all new and returning Pioneers to the 2024-2025 school year! Our staff is committed to making this a highly successful school year for each student. Our plant operations crew has been working hard all summer to be sure our students return to a clean, safe campus.

### **Important Reminders**

- Please follow the city of Dunedin traffic/road signs while entering and exiting the campus.
- The bus loop is for buses only. No cars may enter/exit the bus loop during arrival and dismissal times.
- Students arriving late to school must be escorted to the office by an adult and signed in.
- Early dismissal is discouraged, when possible, but if you must, please do so prior to 2:15.
- Families of bus riders should sign up for a Bus Bulletin to receive alerts of delays or other updates.
- It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to report their child's absence, along with the reason for the absence by calling the school, emailing the teacher or entering the absence on the school website. Parents will receive a magnet at Back to School Open House on August 9th with a QR code to report student absences.



- Parents may walk their child to class, if they chose, on the **first day of school only**. VPK and Kinder students may also be walked to class on August 13th.

## Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



### Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

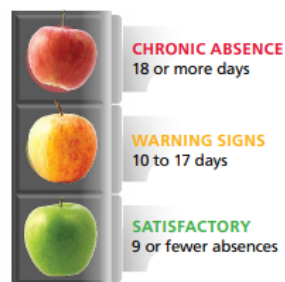
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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#### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



## Ayude a su niño a tener éxito en la escuela: desarrolle el hábito de la buena asistencia escolar desde los primeros años

### ¿SABÍA USTED?

- A partir de preescolar y kinder, demasiadas ausencias pueden hacer que los niños se retrasen en la escuela.
- Faltar un 10%, o aproximadamente 2 días al mes durante el transcurso de un año escolar, puede dificultar el aprendizaje de la lectura.
- Los estudiantes aún pueden quedarse atrás si faltan solo uno o dos días cada pocas semanas.
- Llegar tarde a la escuela puede provocar una baja asistencia escolar.
- Las ausencias y tardanzas pueden afectar a toda el aula si el docente tiene que retrasar el aprendizaje para ayudar a los niños a ponerse al día.

Asistir a la escuela con regularidad ayuda a los niños a sentirse mejor con la escuela y con ellos mismos. Comience a desarrollar este hábito en el preescolar para que aprendan de inmediato que es importante ir a la escuela a tiempo, todos los días. Con el tiempo, la buena asistencia escolar será una habilidad que les ayudará a tener éxito en la escuela secundaria y la universidad.

### LO QUE PUEDE HACER

- Establezca una rutina regular para la hora de dormir y una rutina matutina.
- Elija y disponga la ropa y empaque las mochilas la noche anterior.
- Mantenga a su niño saludable y asegúrese de que haya recibido las vacunas necesarias.
- Presente a su niño a sus docentes y compañeros de clase antes de que comience la escuela.
- Desarrolle planes de contingencia para llegar a la escuela si surge algo. Llame a un familiar, vecino u otro padre.
- Trate de programar las citas médicas no relacionadas con el Covid-19 y los viajes largos para cuando no haya clases en la escuela.
- Si su niño parece tener ansiedad por ir a la escuela, hable con los docentes, los consejeros escolares y otros padres para que le aconsejen cómo hacer que su niño se sienta cómodo y emocionado por el aprendizaje.
- Si le preocupa que su niño pueda tener Covid-19, llame a su escuela para que le aconsejen.
- Si su niño debe quedarse en casa debido a una enfermedad, pídale a los docentes recursos didácticos e ideas para seguir aprendiendo en casa.

### ¿Cuándo se convierten las ausencias en un problema?



Nota: Estos números se basan en un año escolar de 180 días.

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Visite el sitio web de Attendance Works en [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) para obtener recursos didácticos y herramientas descargables sin costo.

## Student Absences

Please be sure that you are reporting students **every day for any absences** on our webpage at: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/55>, scan the QR Code below OR scan the QR Code on your school magnet that families will receive at Back to School Open House on August 9th!



## Save the Date

Please save these dates on your calendar for upcoming events! More information will be available as the dates get closer.

- Back to School Open House - August 9th from 12:30-1:15 and/or 1:30-2:15
- Boo Hoo Breakfast 8:45-9:15 for parents of PPK, VPK and Kinder in Cafeteria
- August 27 - General PTA Mtg 5:30 in Cafeteria

- September 2 - Labor Day, No School
- September 6 - Grandparents Breakfast 8:00-8:45 for students 3PK-2nd Grade
- September 13 - Grandparents Breakfast 8:00-8:45 for students 3rd-5th Grade
- September 23 - No School, Teacher Planning Day
- October 2 - Walk & Roll to School/Books & Bagels/Canned Food Drive 8:00am

**JOIN US OCTOBER 2ND**

**WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL  
BOOKS AND BAGELS  
CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL**  
7:50-8:10 Bus Circle  
Staff, students, families, and community members will meet in the bus circle at 7:50 am and begin walking to school at 8:05 am. Parking for parents is available at the Blue Jays.

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**  
7:50-8:10 Bus Circle & 8:10-8:45 in front of Mrs. Gould's Classroom  
This is also the kickoff to our annual can food drive! Bring your donation to the event and your child will earn a prize.

**BOOKS & BAGELS**  
8:15-8:40 in Your Child's Classroom  
Parents/guardians are invited to go to their child's classroom from 8:15-8:40 to enjoy a bagel, courtesy of our PTA, and read with their child.  
**We look forward to seeing you on October 2nd!**




**ÚNASE A NOSOTROS**

**2 DE OCTUBRE**

**CAMINA Y RUEDA A LA ESCUELA,  
LIBROS Y BAGELS  
CAMPANA DE RECOLECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS ENLATADOS**

**CAMINA Y RUEDA A LA ESCUELA**  
7:50-8:10 Rotonda de autobuses  
El personal, los estudiantes, las familias y los miembros de la comunidad se reunirán en el círculo del autobús a las 7:50 a.m. y comenzarán a caminar a la escuela a las 8:05 a.m. El estacionamiento para los padres está disponible en el de los Blue Jays.

**CAMPANA DE RECOLECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS**  
7:50-8:10 Rotonda de autobuses y 8:10-8:45 frente al salón de la Sra. Gould  
¡Este es también el inicio de nuestra colecta anual de alimentos enlatados! Traiga su donación al evento y su hijo ganará un premio.

**LIBROS Y BAGELS**  
8:15-8:40 en el salón de su hijo(a)  
Se invita a los padres/tutores a ir al salón de clases de su hijo de 8:15 a 8:40 para disfrutar de un bagel, cortesía de nuestra PTA, y leer con su hijo.  
**¡Te esperamos el próximo 2 de octubre!**




## Start the Year Strong with PRIDE Expectations!


**GARRISON-JONES ELEMENTARY**

**PRIDE EXPECTATIONS**

**100% STUDENT SUCCESS**

**P**articipate safely  
**R**estore relationships  
**I**nteract with respect  
**D**o your best  
**E**njoy everyone's success

**PIONEER PRIDE**




**ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL**


- Walk to your area
- Keep hands, feet, objects to self
- Keep objects in backpack
- Listening ears
- Start with Hello!
- Keep a positive mindset
- Quiet voice
- AVID clap for being on time to start the day and for finishing a fun day at school

**LUNCH**

- Stay seated
- Hands to self
- Quite voice
- Kind words
- Use your manners
- Clean up your area
- Eat your own food
- Keep food on table
- Celebrate cafe rules




**BATHROOM**




- Respect privacy
- Wash hands
- Wait your turn
- Clean up after yourself
- Flush the toilet
- Keep it clean

**RECESS**

- Hands to self
- Stay in area
- Use equipment correctly
- Keep hands, feet and objects to self
- Say sorry & apologize
- Include everyone
- Take turns
- Have fun



**BUS**



- Stay seated
- Hands to self
- Keep objects in backpack
- Quiet voice
- Kind words



# PRIMARIA GARRISON-JONES EXPECTATIVAS DE ORGULLO

100% ÉXITO ESTUDIANTIL

## ORGULLO DE PIONERO

Participar de forma segura  
Restaurar relaciones  
Interactuar con respeto  
Haz tu mejor esfuerzo  
Disfruta del éxito de todos



## LLEGADA Y SALIDA

- Caminar hasta tu zona
- Mantener las manos, los pies y los objetos para ti mismo
- Guardar los objetos en la mochila
- Estar atentos
- Comenzar con ¡Hola!
- Mantener una mentalidad positiva
- Mantener la voz baja
- Hacer los aplausos de AVID por llegar a tiempo para comenzar el día y por terminar un día divertido en la escuela.

## CAFETERÍA

- Permanecer sentado
- Mantener las manos para ti mismo
- Mantener la voz baja
- Usar palabras amables
- Usa tus modales
- Limpia tu área
- Come tu propia comida
- Mantén tu comida en la mesa
- Celebra las reglas de la cafetería



## BAÑO



- Respetar la privacidad de los demás
- Lavarse las manos
- Esperar tu turno
- Limpiar después de ti mismo
- Descargar el baño
- Mantenerlo limpio

## RECESO

- Mantener tus manos para ti mismo
- Permanecer en el área
- Usar el equipo correctamente
- Mantener las manos, los pies y los objetos para ti mismo
- Decir lo siento y pedir disculpas
- Incluir a todos
- Tomar turnos
- ¡Qué te diviertas!



## AUTOBÚS



- Permanecer sentado
- Mantener las manos para ti mismo
- Guardar los objetos en la mochila
- Mantener la voz baja
- Usar palabras amables



Always be a Bucket Filler - Not a Bucket Dipper!

## Bucket Fillers

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