



It's time to start school!

We are excited to have all our students back with us for another year of learning. We are also excited to share that our annual Meet the Teacher event will be held this year on Saturday, August 6th, 10:00 – 12:00.

Some other important dates to remember:

- **Meet the Teacher:** Saturday, August 6th, 10:00 – 12:00
- **First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 10th
- **Open House/Title I Annual Mtg:** August 24th, 6:00 – 6:45pm
- **School time:** 8:45am - 2:55pm
- **No School:** Monday, September 5th – Labor Day



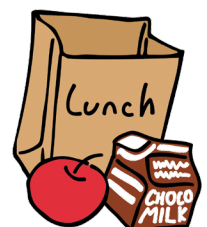
STUDENT PLACEMENT: A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Careful consideration was given to your child's placement. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level, as well as the best way to meet the needs of all learners based on academic performance. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. With that, we will not be taking class change requests or moving students.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL our staff work hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. We are eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

WHO IS MY CHILD'S TEACHER? Class lists will be available outside the office starting August 6th.

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- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Wednesday, August 10th. Our student hours will continue to be 8:45am to 2:55pm. Students may not arrive before 8:15 am. The YMCA has before and after care for those that need it. Their phone number is 727-565-4383 if you would like more information on how to register. Seats are on a limited basis, so you will want to apply today.
 - **ARRIVAL:** The campus opens for students at 8:15 am. Upon arrival students will have the opportunity to get breakfast or go directly to class. Breakfast will stop being served at 8:45 am so that our staff can begin preparation for lunch.
 - **MASKS:** Masks are no longer required though students may continue to voluntarily wear them if they wish.
 - **LUNCH:** Families may join their students for lunch at our outside picnic tables; but they must come during their child's designated lunch period as students will not be pulled out of learning to have lunch. Please be sure you have an ID, as all visitors must be listed on the child's card.



- **DAILY LEARNING:** Teachers will cover all the state standards required of their grade level. Students will be able check out books, work on projects and collaborate with their peers. Your child will receive small group instruction and have access to computers and our science lab.
- **UNIFORMS:** As you shop for back-to-school uniforms, please be sure to keep in mind our uniform colors.
 - White, Blue, Purple or Teal collared shirt
 - Navy-Blue pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers
 - Sexton T-shirts are permitted any day

***NO other colors or jeans are permitted!** Students out of uniform will be asked to change into a loaner uniform. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes skates, slippers, crocs and open toed shoes. PE days – students need to wear appropriate athletic shoes. If you need assistance with uniforms, please contact the school office or Clothes for Kids at 727-441-5050.



- **THE CLINIC:** If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If a student gets sick during the school day, our nurse will assess your child as in the past and consult with you. If a student exhibits illness beyond the normal stomachache or “boo-boo,” 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. Each day parents will be asked to assess their child’s health before bringing them to school. Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:

- ✓ Temperature above 100.4/chills
- ✓ Vomiting or gastrointestinal issues
- ✓ Chronic cough/shortness of breath
- ✓ Loss of taste or smell
- ✓ In general, if your child is not well, they should stay home



- **DISMISSAL:** Students will be dismissed at 2:55. Students walking or reporting to the YMCA will be called first; followed by car riders and bus riders. For car riders, each child will be given a car tag sign, please fill it out with your child’s name and number on it and display it on your dashboard for easy viewing of our staff to be able to call for your child. All families should pull up to one of the specified pick-up spots.

Children are not loaded in any areas other than those in our covered sidewalk area. Children are not permitted to run out to the parking area to meet their families; if you chose to park, your child must be walked across in one of our designated cross walks by an adult. Please do not call for your child to cut across our traffic lanes. That is an accident waiting to happen. We will stop them.



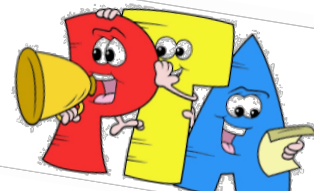
Please be sure you are following the traffic patterns. Pull your car forward leaving no spaces between to ensure we can load the maximum number of students. This works very much like loading a roller coaster. All cars get filled and then the group moves forward, and we repeat the cycle.

Please be patient the first few days of school as we help our new families adjust and make sure that all students get to their proper dismissal location. The line goes quicker when everyone is following the rules including following the traffic pattern and remaining in your car. It does get better!!

SPECIAL NOTE: Please do not have your student walk to meet you at an off-campus location if they are a car rider. If a student leaves campus and then you should not be there, they are not permitted to return to campus to wait for you. It is safer for them to remain on campus and that you follow our car line dismissal process. If you designate them a walker, then they must leave campus as a walker.

- **VISITORS:** Visitors are permitted on campus for designated purposes (i.e., parent conferences, family events, volunteering, etc.). For security reasons though, families are still not permitted to walk their child to their classroom.
- **FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:** We will have additional adults to help your child out of your car and to their class. The same is true for our bus students. Parents may walk their child to class the first three days of school. Beginning August 15th all students will walk themselves to class. We will have plenty of adults out helping students to class. Thank you for understanding and supporting this safety policy. K-5 parents please do not park or use the PreK parking lot.
- **PRE-K DROP OFF:** PreK drop off will be in the PreK parking lot. You will see several adults there to welcome your child to school. PreK parents may park and walk their child to the entrance doors as you will be required to sign your student in (this must be done by an adult). You will receive additional directions from your child's teacher when you arrive where to pick them up that afternoon. Only PreK parents are to use this parking area. Thank you everyone else for observing this rule all year long for the safety of our youngest learners.
- **LABELS:** Label everything! Backpack, pencil box, notebooks, shirt collar, etc. Many times, we have students who don't know their last name. It is extremely helpful to have your child's name on everything. Also, your name and phone number should be written in your child's backpack.
- **DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

Our PTA has already put together a calendar of great family events and activities! Please help support the amazing things our PTA does for our school by joining the PTA. Membership is just \$5.00. You can use the [PTA Membership Link](#) to join.



We are looking to jumpstart our PTA with adding new members to our board. If you would like to be a part of the PTA board, please let the front office know.

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello.

Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Sincerely,

Tony Pleshe, Principal

A simple way to start changing to a growth mindset, is by the use of the little word, yet. In essence, the word means **a realization that some things are worth waiting for, and those things take work.** It's not always easy, but the power of this small word allows for success.

"Yet" carries with it **the expectation that we can reach our destination.** It creates an excitement into the future about all the incredible things we can't do yet.

Children learn how to work through difficulties by observing their grown-ups. You could be the most powerful tool in teaching your child the power of *Yet*.

