

Hello Panda Families,

The start of the new school year is quickly approaching, and the excitement is building up. I cannot wait to see you all 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 the new school year, this message includes lots of useful information about upcoming events and some general reminders for a strong start to the new school year that has also been sent to your email on file. Please take a few minutes to review it all and do give us a call during school business hours, should you have any questions.

### **Parent Electronic Forms**

Panda parents we need your help! As Pinellas County Schools continues to embrace electronic forms and processes, all parents are asked to log into their Focus account as soon as possible. There are electronic forms that must be acknowledged online for any student and parent to access their account and we want everyone ready to go prior to the start of school. Student teacher assignments will not be available until approximately August 3<sup>rd</sup> or later, but all students and parents are asked to login as soon as possible so that all accounts are active and accessible.

Use the link below to get started.

<https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/index.php>

### **Meet the Teacher - August 9, 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM**

Let's Reconnect! This is a great opportunity to take a few pictures with your Pandas on campus, while you are here to meet and greet your child's teacher. This day can't come soon enough for Eisenhower faculty and staff so they can meet their students and families. Remember you are simply meeting and greeting! Please visit our various checkpoints for information as you begin this year's adventure.

- Photo Opportunities
- Transportation Connection Table
- New Parent Portal Information
- PTA/SAC Information
- Volunteer Information

### **The Students' First Day of School is *Thursday, August 10***

Student hours are 8:45 AM-2:55 PM. We look forward to welcoming all new and returning Pandas to the 2023-2024 school year! The Eisenhower Team is committed to making this a highly successful and rewarding school year for all Pandas! Our team has worked diligently all summer to ensure that all Pandas return to a safe, clean, and beautiful campus this fall. A huge shout out and many thanks to our plant operations team for their hard work all summer for deep cleaning of our facilities and completing repairs and upgrades needed. We know that you are also preparing for the new school year!

### **Supply Lists**

2023-2024 Supply Lists are available on our school website

### **Uniforms**

Eisenhower Elementary is a uniform school.  
(Please see attached letter with examples.)

### **Morning Arrival**

Staff will begin supervision of students at 8:15am. Prior to 8:15am, students are not permitted on campus for student safety. Students may enter the campus in the front main entrance carline or the back walking gate. They will all be directed to the cafeteria until 8:30am. Classrooms will be open to students beginning at 8:30am. If your student is not eating breakfast, we encourage arrivals after 8:30am. Students may report directly to their homeroom class at that time. Instruction begins promptly at 8:45am.

### **Important Safety Reminders**

#### **Safety and Patience**

Safety is always our number one priority. Thank you for modeling safe walking and driving practices for children. While the first few days may seem a longer pick-up process, I assure you that our team is very efficient with afternoon pick-up procedures and will get you on your way within minutes. We will need your patience.

#### **Dismissal Change**

If your child is going home a different way than normal, please let the teacher AND the office know by 2:00 the day of dismissal.

#### **Parking Lot Safety**

Children should always be with an adult, and never on their own when walking in the parking lot. Parking in front of the main school gate and entrance is not permitted

#### **Late Arrivals**

Students arriving late must be escorted by an adult to be signed in in the front office.

#### **Early sign-outs**

Early sign-outs are highly discouraged, but if you must, please do so prior to 2:00 pm. You must bring a driver's license or Identification to sign out your student.

### **Bus Rider Bulletin**

Families of bus riders should sign up for Bus Bulletin to receive alerts of delay and or any updates. [Bus Bulletin Link](#)

### **Reporting Absences**

It is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to report their child's absence along with the reason for the absence by calling the school absence reporting line or emailing the teacher. Please include your child's first and last name when reporting absences. You may also report an absence to the email [Absence Reporting Email Link](#)

### **Parent Lunches**

Returning this year-Parents and Families listed on the student information card will be allowed to eat on campus with their Panda 1x a month. We will give the specific days in future communication.

### **SPECIAL FIRST DAY (or 2) DROP-OFF**

We recognize that the first day of school is extra special. On Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday

August 11<sup>th</sup> we will allow families to walk their children all the way to class. Beginning Monday, August

14 parents must drop off at door.

**SAC:** I would like to invite Panda families, community members, and business partners, to join our School Advisory Council (SAC). The purpose of the SAC is to assist the principal in developing and evaluating the results of the school improvement plan and the annual school budget. Interested? Please email Principal Baker at [bakerti@pcsb.org](mailto:bakerti@pcsb.org) or complete the link below.

[SAC Interest Link](#)

### ***In case you missed it!***

Meet the Teacher 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

August 10 Students' First Day of School 8:45AM-2:55 PM

August 3 Open House

- Session 1 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Prek-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- PTA/Title I Annual and General Meeting in Multipurpose Room 6:00 PM-6:30 PM
- Session 2 6:00 PM-7:30 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade

September 4 Labor Day holiday-No school for students