



# BACK TO SCHOOL

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## Welcome Back to School, Families and Students

We are thrilled to welcome our Bears, both returning and new to another exciting year at Pinellas Park Elementary! We hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready to embark on another journey of learning and growth. Here's everything you need to know to kick off the school year smoothly.

## Important Information for the School Year

- **First Day of School: Monday, August 11, 2025**
- **Meet and Greet: Friday, August 8, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**
  - Students will be able to find their classroom, drop off school supplies, and meet their teacher at this time. Please adhere to the time schedule as teachers will only be available at this assigned time.
- **Open House: Wednesday, August 27, 2025**
- **6-6:15 Principal's Welcome and Title 1 presentation in Cafeteria**
  - Families may choose to attend either session 1 or session 2 both sessions will be same information
  - 6:20-6:55=Session 1
  - 7-7:35=Session 2
- **School Hours:** Gates open at 8:30 AM. Gates close at 3:15 PM.
- **Tardy Students:** Any student arriving after 8:45 a.m. is considered Tardy. A student who is tardy must be walked into the office and signed in by an adult.
- **Drop Off/Arrival: Students cannot be dropped off prior to 8:30 a.m. For their safety students should remain in their vehicle until a designated employee opens the gate.**
  - Students in PreK should be dropped off at the South car circle gate off 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue North
  - K, and 1st grade should be dropped off at the West Car Circle off 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North
  - 2nd-5th grade students should be dropped off at the North Car Circle. Lot between Barbara S. Ponce library and the school.
  - Students walking to school must not arrive until 8:30 a.m. when the gates open.
- **Breakfast:** Breakfast will be served in the classrooms. Students will pick up their breakfast at the entrance gates from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. each morning.
- **Dismissal: Students will remain in their classrooms until their dismissal call.**
  - Students in PreK should be picked up at the South car circle gate off 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue North
  - Kindergarten and 1st grade students should be picked up at the West Car Circle off 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North
  - **IMPORTANT: if you have multiple students at PPE then all the kids will meet at the youngest child's gate.**
  - North Car Circle will dismiss all car riders and walkers.
  - Bus and daycare van students will dismiss from the front of the school.
  - Parents will not be allowed to walk up to the pick-up gate, but you may select to make your child a walker. "WALKER" students will exit from campus prior to the carpool lane for their safety. Students will not be released from campus without a "WALKER TAG" or parent pick-up in the carpool lane.

## Thank You for Your Support

We are grateful for your continued support and trust in us to educate your children. Together, we can create a positive and inspiring learning environment where every student can thrive. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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## Pinellas Park Elementary School Map for Arrival and Dismissals 2025

