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Helping our families navigate the beginning of the
2022-2023 school year!

Meet the Teacher

We will be hosting Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 9th. When you arrive look for the class lists to locate your teacher's name. See times below:

12:00-1:00 Pre-K and Kindergarten

KG and Pre-K will host a formal presentation schedule beginning at 12:00. There will be time to explore the classroom, meet your teacher, and learn about school-wide processes.

1:15-2:15 ASD (Pre-K to 5), 1st and 2nd Grades

2:15-3:15 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

These grades will host informal sessions. You will have the opportunity to explore your classroom and meet your teacher. Families can come anytime within the hour session.

**School Supply lists are on the school website.

New Family Orientation

During our Meet the Teacher event we will host brief orientation sessions for our families new to FLE.

All Pre-K and KG families will receive the orientation during their session.

1:15-1:30 New families in ASD, 1st, 2nd

2:15-2:30 New families in 3rd, 4th, 5th

These are being held at the beginning of each session to allow for plenty of time to location your classroom and meet your teacher.

Breakfast & Lunch

-Breakfast is served each morning from 8:15-8:35 in the cafeteria.

Breakfast is free to all students. -

Lunch costs \$2.25 this year.

-Menus are posted on school website.

-Look for fliers to set up a lunch account. You can also send money to school with your child.

-Families can apply for free and reduced lunch meal benefits; online at www.myschoolapps.com.

-Families are welcome to eat lunch with their child in our courtyard on Fridays. Just sign in at front office.

School Hours

School day: 8:45-2:55

Students may arrive at school as early as 8:15.

Prior to 8:15 there is no adult supervision. Staff is on duty to assure safe dismissal until 3:10. Our school office is open from 7:45-3:30

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www.pcsb.org/forestlakes-es

Our New AP

Nicole McClister is joining us from McMullen Booth Elementary where she was a VE Teacher. She has worked in Pinellas County Schools for 10 years teaching grades 3,4,and 5. She lives in Trinity with her husband and 2 year old son, Emmett. She is most excited to be a dolphin!



Arrival

At 8:15, the front gates will open for walkers, bike riders, and bus students. The car circle doors open at 8:15 and students can begin exiting cars once staff is on duty. Once students arrive on campus, they can go to breakfast, in the cafeteria, or head out to the PE Court (grades 1-5) or the KG building (KG only) until the bell rings at 8:35. At 8:35, students will head to their classrooms.

A few reminders for arrival:

- Families are not allowed on campus to walk students to class. This is for the safety of our students.
- Students should not arrive on campus before 8:15. There is no supervision.
- Do not park and walk up at the car circle. Students will only exit vehicles in the car loop for their safety.
- Crossing guards and staff are on duty to help students cross our entrances to campus and the parking lots.
- Cars should not park in the north parking lot and walk students up. Please use car line.
- Building 6 parking lot is for Pre-K and ASD student arrival and dismissal only.
- Pre-K and ASD siblings can be dropped at building 6 to walk up to the front gate.
- Buses and day care vans drop off in bus loop only.

Before/After Care

On campus-YMCA 813-855-3488

Off campus-

provides transportation to and from FLE

Kinder Care 813-854-1817

Smart Start 813-855-7333

Tampa Bay Dance 813-925-9346

Bay Area Gymnastics 727-798-6750

Traditional Taekwondo 813-475-5956

Buggs Martial Arts 813-749-0961

Impact Martial Arts 813-600-5260



Dismissal

Students are dismissed on a staggered schedule: first walkers and bike riders, then car riders, finally daycare vans and buses. This is done to assure the safety of all students.

Car riders will wait in the cafeteria. Bus students will be called to exit the front of campus, Walkers and bike riders are dismissed to the front of campus as well.

A few reminders for dismissal:

- Do not park and walk up at the car circle. Students will only enter vehicles in the car loop for their safety.
- Display your car tags in your front window! This is the key to a smoother process—display every day until you are exiting the car line. We use them twice throughout the car line to get your child to their numbered spot for pick up.
- Crossing guards and staff are on duty to help students exit campus (at crosswalks and parking lots).
- Cars should not park in the north parking lot and walk to pick up students. Please use car line. It is the safest way to pick up.
- Building 6 parking lot is for Pre-K and ASD student dismissal only.
- Siblings of Pre-K students will be dismissed to building 6. Please wait in front of building 6 or in your car in the parking lot.
- Buses and day care vans pick up in bus loop only. Students are only called if the van/bus has arrived.

Reminders:

- Label all backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, and water bottles. If you are missing one, have your child check the lost and found in the cafeteria.
- Please call the office before 2:00 if you need to change the way your child goes home.