

# Starkey Elementary School

*An Award Winning School*

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## WELCOME TO STARKEY!

We are excited you will be joining us for the next school year.

Here is some quick information for you, as you prepare for the new school year

The first day of school is **Monday, August 24, 2015.** We look forward to meeting you in August.

### **Starkey's school hours are: 8:35 AM – 2:35 PM**

Students can enter the classroom at 8:20am. Students need to be in the classroom by 8 35am

If a student arrives later than 8 35am, they will be marked tardy.

**Bus Transportation** will be mailing a postcard to your home address with bus stop information on it a few weeks before school starts. Students who ride the bus will come home with a wrist band on their backpacks. This helps us to identify which bus they ride to and from school. Please keep the wrist band on the backpack for the first week. Safety Patrols will walk the students from their classroom to the buses at dismissal time. Please help your child learn the bus color that is on his/her wrist band.

**Breakfast and Lunch** are provided at no charge for all students thanks to federal funding through the community eligibility option. However, a la carte items may still be purchased by sending money in to put on your child's account. You can also go online to put money in your child's account. Of course students are still welcome to bring a packed lunch from home. Visitors are welcome in the cafeteria on Friday's only.

**Absences** Pinellas County Schools use the School Messenger system to notify parents when an absence is recorded by the school. If you call the office before 9:15 to report an absence, a change will be made in the system and you will not receive the phone call. The Student Code of Conduct has other important information regarding absences. You will receive a copy of this the first day of school.

**Starkey is a mandatory uniform school.** Uniforms may be purchased during the summer time at local stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Beall's, Sears, Old Navy, JC Penney, and Burlington Coat Factory, just to name a few. There are also websites on-line to order uniforms. French Toast is a brand name of uniforms and you may order on line at [frenchtoast.com](http://frenchtoast.com). Another web site [thechildrenswearoutlet.com](http://thechildrenswearoutlet.com) has uniforms. Their toll free number is 1-888-321-9395. They deliver to your home. You may also order through the catalog at JC Penney, they offer a bigger selection of sizes. Please make sure to buy long pants before school starts. It can be difficult to find long pants when you need them. Not all supplies in a store's uniform department are appropriate for our school. Please take the uniform letter with you as a reference.

**Dismissal Time** is very hectic. Please make sure your child knows how he/she is getting home every day before coming to school, including rainy days. Have a plan ahead of time so they will know how they get home. **Any changes to a student's way home needs to be written in the child's agenda notifying the teacher of the change.** If an emergency happens and those plans change, please notify the front office before 2.00, so your child can be contacted about the change.

**Car rider pick up and drop off:** Many of our students are car riders. If you are heading west on 86th Avenue toward Starkey Elementary you will not be able to make a left hand turn into the parking lot. Please go beyond the school and turn around in one of the neighborhood streets to approach the school coming from the west. You may also make a right hand turn onto 92<sup>nd</sup> Street make an immediate left onto 87th Avenue, then left onto 94<sup>th</sup> Street. This will bring you back to 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of Starkey. Turn left on 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue and you will be set to make a right hand turn into the parking lot. When leaving Starkey please do not make a left hand turn. Go down to the first street on the left (92<sup>nd</sup> Street) and follow the above directions to get back to Starkey to make a right hand turn. A name card will be given to you at the car circle to display your child's first and last name in your left hand windshield to help us identify your car.

Kindergarten teachers walk the car riders to the car circle at dismissal time and wait with them. Teachers will be at the car circle until 2:45 for the first few weeks of school. Please be on time since teachers have several meetings after school they must attend.

Remember to always **bring a photo ID** to check your student out of school and who you come to visit the school. This is a part of the sign-in process at our school. The only adults who will be allowed to sign your child out of school are the people who you list on the yellow clinic card. They must have a photo ID with them.

**Please make sure you have your child's name on the personal items, such as,** lunch boxes, backpacks, jackets, sweatshirts, etc. When items get left behind, we can return them when they have a first and last name on them. Thank you for your help. **Please wait until the Kindergarten Orientation to purchase Kindergarten supplies**

YMCA offers before and after school care at our school. Please contact them at their main office, (727)467-9622. Our YMCA is located in the school cafeteria before and after school. Their phone number at Starkey is (727)320-0319. Students can be dropped off as early as 6:30 am and picked up at late as 6:00 pm if they are participating in the YMCA Program.

\*Please be advised that some items listed above may change due to any updates from Pinellas County School Board