



July 22, 2024

Dear Mary Fay Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year. We look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and meeting our new families. This letter contains information about drop off and pick up procedures as well as some upcoming dates to be aware of.

Drop-off and student arrival on campus starts at 7:20 a.m. Please, do not drop students off earlier than that time; campus gates are locked until 7:20 a.m. We cannot have students on campus until we have supervision for them. Pickup time is promptly after the end of day for the corresponding grade level. We do have three different start and end times (see our [bell schedule](#)) which helps spread out the flow of traffic. If you have children with different end times, they do need to be picked up within 10 minutes of their school end time. We do not have supervision for children after school. There was a time we had a waiting area for siblings; we do not offer that anymore as we do not have the staffing for it. If you are in need of after school care, you can inquire with the School Age Care programs through base or with Mary Fay Pendleton's Extended Learning Opportunities program. MFP's Extended Learning Opportunities program is currently full and has a waiting list.

Drop-off and pick up will occur on the sidewalk of the drop-off loop; see [the attached map](#). Your children may exit the vehicle as soon as they are next to the sidewalk (highlighted in yellow on the map). Parents of younger children may want to drive their students closer to the stairs before dropping off. It is appreciated by all if you have your children ready to unload and load from the vehicle quickly. This keeps the car line flowing smoothly. Please drive slowly and cautiously through the loop as some children and adults will be walking to and from cars in the parking lot.

Buses will run in the morning and afternoon for families in the qualified busing ranges. Complete a [transportation application](#) if you are interested in bussing. Bus drop-off and pick up is located behind the campus gates. Please, be mindful of buses coming and going through the driveway; they need some room to maneuver.

For students old enough to bike to school, there is a bike rack located at the front sidewalk.

We will allow parents to accompany their children on campus for the first 2 days of school. After that you will need to say your goodbyes at the gate if you walk your child to the school. We will have a staff member at the gate ensuring student safety. Kindergarten students go to the kindergarten yard in the morning to line up by their teacher's classroom. First through sixth grade students go to the basketball courts on campus to find their teachers' line up area. Seventh and eighth grade students wait by the music room until their start of school.

Our Meet and Greet will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9. Class rosters will be posted at the entrance of the school. You will be able to meet your teacher(s) and see the location of the classroom(s). [See Meet and Greet 24-25 Flier](#).



Upcoming Events:

- Friday, August 9 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm - Meet and Greet - meet your child's teacher and see the classroom
- Monday, August 12 - First day of Instruction - [bell schedule](#)
- Tuesday, August 27 - [Back to School Night](#) - from 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- Monday, September 2 - Labor Day - Holiday, no school
- Friday, September 6 - Synergy Assembly at 8:20 am - parents welcome to attend
- September 26th and 27th - School Picture Days (9/26 for Pre K - 3rd grade & 9/27 for 4th - 8th grade)

Join our PTSA. Cost is \$13 - [click the link](#)

Respectfully,

Brian Frost, Principal
Mary Fay Pendleton School