

WELCOME BACK DUNBAR FAMILY!

Let's Bring Good Vibes during the 2024-2025 School Year!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL...MS. MELODY MENDOZA!

As I step into the role of Principal, I am deeply honored by the legacy of excellence that defines Dunbar. Our school has a distinguished history of nurturing young minds, fostering creativity, and establishing robust foundations for lifelong learning. It is my privilege to carry forward this tradition and enhance the educational journey for our students.

The accomplishments of Dunbar are a testament to the unwavering commitment of our teachers, staff, and families. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community partners that make Dunbar such a special place: BEST Medical Academy, Hyde Park United Methodist Church, USF Health, University of Tampa Nursing, Rasmussen College, More Health, Girls Inc of Pinellas, St. Joseph's Childrens Hospital, and Saint Andrews Episcopal Church.

I am forever grateful for the leadership of my predecessor, Ms. Cynthia Crim, the continued support and leadership of Ms. Alexandra Quintyne and all the dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to achieve Dunbar's success. Together, we will continue to cultivate a dynamic community where curiosity thrives and students flourish. As we move forward, I am committed to preserving our successful practices while integrating innovation to propel us even further.

My commitment to students, families and the community is to provide nothing less than exceptional learning experiences. Whether through project-based learning, technology integration, or community partnerships, we will explore new avenues to ignite curiosity and broaden horizons. By integrating medical and mathematical education, we aim to foster a passion for science and health among our students. Let's put Dunbar back on the map as a leader in elementary medical and math education by offering innovative, hands-on learning opportunities that inspire and prepare students for future careers in health sciences and related fields.

I firmly believe that it takes a village to raise a child, and education is a shared endeavor. Open dialogue, active listening, and collaboration are essential. I invite you to share your hopes, dreams, and aspirations for Dunbar. My office door is always open, and my inbox eagerly awaits your thoughts. Let's embark on this exciting journey together, confident that our collective efforts will shape future leaders, thinkers, and change-makers within these walls.

Thank you for entrusting me with the honor of leading Dunbar Elementary Magnet. Let's build upon our successes and create a legacy that inspires generations to come.

Ms. Melody Mendoza, Principal



TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Postcards indicating student homeroom teachers are being mailed to the current address on file. If you do NOT receive a blue post card in the mail by Tuesday, August 6, this means we do not have your most current address on file. In that case, please bring proof of your most current address with you to Meet and Greet in order for us to update our system. We will notify you of your child's teacher at Meet and Greet.

MEET AND GREET! THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Our Meet and Greet will be held on Thursday, August 8th, starting promptly at 2:00 in the cafeteria. During this time, Mrs. Mendoza will welcome all of our Dunbar families on campus and share expectations for the upcoming school year. Following, you can meet your child's teacher in their classroom. Teachers will be holding two sessions for parents in case you have multiple children. After attending one of their sessions, feel free to walk around campus, visit the Transportation Hub

in the Media Center to pick up bus passes, and visit our PTA table to purchase your PTA membership and purchase your 2024-2025 Dunbar Spirit Gear! We will also have ParentVUE information available for pickup which you will be required to register for to view your student's information like bus stops, reports cards, attendance, graduation status, and more!

When you meet your child's teacher, they will have all of our first day folders ready for you, please sign the required papers and have the most updated contact information on your child's emergency card.

We appreciate your understanding that we take every child's needs into consideration. Please be aware that no requests will be taken to have children reassigned as we have made careful consideration as to the best student placement possible

We can't wait to see you all back on campus!

DUNBAR MAGNET SCHOOL
The Prescription for Success

MEET AND GREET!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
2:00 PM
DUNBAR CAFETERIA

Teacher presentations
Session 1- 2:45 - 3:15
Session 2- 3:15 - 3:45

Visit our PTA Table to join PTA and purchase your Dunbar Spirit Spirts and Scrubs

Visit our Media Center for bus pass info

see You There!

STUDENTS' FIRST DAY

Welcome Back

DUNBAR
STUDENTS!

The First Day of
School is
MONDAY,
AUGUST 12
EARLY RELEASE
2PM



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If for any reason your child will not be in attendance the first day of school, you **MUST** notify the school at (813)-276-5677. If you have not registered or contacted the school and your child is not in attendance by August 16th, we will have to drop your child from our school roster and there is no guarantee that your child will have the magnet slot.

SCHOOL AND FAMILY COMMUNICATION

We work hard to be in constant communication with our families. We have a program we utilize through the district, called Parent Link by Blackboard. We use Parent Link to send out text messages and emails with important information regarding school events, reminders and share our monthly family newsletter. It is vital that you have your most up to date phone numbers AND email address on file with the front office, and do not block the number messages are received from. In case of emergency, this is how we will notify all parents of your child's safety. We also keep you updated with events happening at school that you'll be encouraged to attend.

Teachers will inform you at Meet the Teacher what type of communication will be used for class announcements and individual student information/data. Please make sure you are receiving these updates and contact the teacher with any questions.

Contact Ms. Laura Noland to ensure that we have all your information correct in our system

PARENTVUE ACCOUNTS

Synergy's ParentVUE will replace MySpot as the HCPS parent application. Parents and guardians will need to create their ParentVUE accounts to view student information like reports cards, attendance, and graduation status. Please pick up your ParentVUE letter containing your unique 7-digit Activation Key and setup directions at Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 8.

MAGNET EXPECTATIONS

As you know, being a member of our magnet program is a great honor. With that honor comes a responsibility to uphold the following expectations:

- Students should be in regular attendance (not missing more than 10 days a school year)
- Students should be at school on time and have very limited sign-outs (students should not be tardy or signed out more than 10 times a school year)
- Students should follow all of our school rules and treat everyone with respect.
- If your student is riding the bus, they should follow all transportation rules or risk having bus privileges revoked.
- Students should be in school uniform each day (Scrubs on Monday, School Uniforms on Tuesday-Thursday, and PTA Spirt Shirt with jeans on Fridays).
- Parents should stay in communication with their child's classroom teacher and engage in a civil manner at all times.

As always, we will work with you along the way. If there are concerns in any of the above areas, a staff member will reach out to help you resolve any problem. If there is no improvement, we will move to providing a written warning, then, as an absolute last resort, move to revoking your child's magnet seat. We understand there are unforeseen circumstances that arise, if this is the case, we are happy to work with your family to help in any way we can. Just give us a call!

DUNBAR BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Our unofficial motto at Dunbar is "*Work Hard, Play Hard!*" In order to have lots of fun, it is the expectation that all students follow all directions. This keeps our learning environment safe and risk-free for all students. As a Magnet School, we are committed to providing a learning environment free from distractions and full of hands-on learning! Our expectations are for students to come to school ready to learn and showing their PULSE!



P- participate in my learning

U- unite in my community

L- Listen attentively

S- Show Kindness

E- Empower myself and others

I have a **PULSE** on my learning...

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Arrival & Dismissal Information

Arrival

Doors to the school open daily at 8:15am and students should report to the cafeteria to get breakfast and on to their classroom. **Students cannot be dropped off before 8:15, at any time unless you have enrolled them in the morning HOST program.** There is no staff on duty to supervise students before 8:15am.

Dismissal

Dismissal occurs at 2:00pm on every Monday and 3:00pm every other day Tuesday-Friday. **Students should be picked up on time daily or they must be enrolled in the HOST program.** Please read below for the following dismissal options to select for your child. We ask that your child has a consistent dismissal routine. **Please call the office with dismissal changes prior to 2:30pm. There are no early sign outs after 2:30pm.**

The first day of school will be an early release Monday on August 12th with dismissal being at 2:00pm

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL OPTIONS

1. Walkers

For arrival, students will walk in through the main front doors on Union Street, these are in the center of the school building. These doors will open at 8:15am.

If your child is a walker, they will be dismissed at the **side gate daily onto Union Street**. This is located next to the front office.

2. Car Riders

Our car rider line is located off of Fremont Street by the PE court. Drop off is at 8:15am. Students should not get out of their car until an adult is at the gate to welcome them in.

You will receive a car tag with your student's name on it at open house, have this hanging on your rear-view mirror for student pick-up. All parents must stay in their car during the dismissal process. There may be some delays the first few days of school due to students learning the dismissal procedure.

Students must be picked up on time. Failure to have your child picked up on time may result in your child's magnet seat being revoked.

3. Busses

You should be receiving an email from transportation with your child's bus stop time and location. If you do not have your child bus information by end of day on August 8, please call the front office to make sure we have the right email address on file.

If your child will be riding the bus to start the school year, please fill out the following form by August 2. **This should only be filled out if your child will DEFINITELY be riding the bus when school begins!**

<https://forms.office.com/r/yMy3xvsUiS>

Bus requests can be made by contacting the front office at any point in the school year if needed in the future.

As always, busses run late the first few weeks of school. Please be patient during this process. The district is short drivers but we always have all the problems worked out the first few weeks of school. Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle for the bus.

We will also be in the media center Thursday during Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 8 to help with all your transportation needs. Bus passes will be available for pick up at this time.

A Transportation Note from your Magnet School

We ask for your patience as we ensure the safety of your student

Please consider the following in these first few days of school:

- In order to teach students transportation routines and keep all students safe, please understand that buses MAY run late 45 minutes or more during the first week.
- Please allow your student to come home from school the same way he/she went to school during this first week, IF POSSIBLE, so your student can get used to transportation procedures and to minimize any confusion; this also helps the school and the district plan.
- Please ensure BEFORE the start of the school year that any bus stop and contact information is updated with the school.
- Please send your student to school with EXTRA water in case his or her bus ride is delayed or lengthened.
- Please ensure that your student is aware that his/her bus ride may be slightly longer than usual for these first few days.

You can find Magnet Bus Ramp locations and information on the transportation website: www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/3710

If other questions arise, please contact your Magnet school or the Transportation Call Center at 982-5533.

Thank you and have a wonderful year!



4. HOST - before and/or after school childcare

School Year Community Rates

Student Fees 2024-2025

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE. Register for HOST at: [HOST \(Before and After School, Summer Care\) Programs / Registration \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Registration)

Student Fees

Elementary

Registration Fee* \$30.00

Before School- Weekly Rate \$15

After School - Weekly Rate \$72.00

Before & After School - Weekly Rate \$87.00

Drop In Rate - **per session** \$50.00

*Registration fee per student is nonrefundable.

RAINY DAY ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

During rainy days, we take advantage of the covered areas off Union Street.

- If it is raining at arrival, parents can drop their children off at the middle doors on Union Street.
- If it is rainy at dismissal, Car riders will come to the cafeteria and be dismissed from the side cafeteria doors.
- Walkers will exit from the black gate next to the main office onto Union Street.

TARDIES AND SIGN OUTS

Tardies: If your child is late, a parent is required to walk the child into the front office and sign them in. **Children should have no more than 10 tardies in a school year. Five tardies are equivalent to one absence. Students with excessive tardies and absences may have their magnet seat revoked.**

Sign Outs: If you need to sign your child out, you must bring your drivers license in with you. We will only allow someone to sign your child out if they are listed on the front or back of the emergency card. If you have multiple students, each card must have who you give permission to sign-out. **Children should have no more than 10 sign outs a school year. No sign outs after 2:30pm.**

LUNCH

All Dunbar Students will Receive FREE LUNCH!

Our school has been notified that we are one of the host sites for all our students to receive free school breakfast and lunches EVERY DAY throughout the school year.

JOIN DUNBAR PTA!

Our PTA is the biggest supporter of fun initiatives for our students and families! We can only thrive as a school with their support. Please plan on joining our PTA and being an active member in our school community.

PTA memberships are \$6.00 each.

You can join PTA and purchase your child's school spirit shirt at our Meet and Greet! School Spirit Shirts are \$15 each. Scrubs, \$30 each, and House Shirts, \$15 each, will also be available for returning students. New Dunbar students can purchase scrubs and house shirts in the main office after the House Reveal at the end of August!

If you are paying in person at Meet and Greet, you can pay with cash or credit card.



2024–2025 UNIFORM POLICY

Our school operates with a mandatory uniform policy. Uniforms are an important part of our school culture and will be strictly enforced. Please ensure that your child is in proper uniform each school day. Students are required to be in uniform each day. The flyer below outlines allowable uniforms at Dunbar. Please pay special attention to our hoodie policy. Hoodies are never allowed on students heads and must be in our school colors with no writing and a solid color. Close toed shoes are required each day. Crocs and slides are not permitted. If you have any questions about the uniform requirements feel free to contact the school office.

(Scrubs, spirit shirts, and house shirts can be purchased through our PTA)



DUNBAR ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY 2024-2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SCRUBS*	UNIFORM	SPIRIT SHIRT OR HOUSE SHIRT & JEANS

DAILY UNIFORM

TOPS: RED, NAVY BLUE, OR WHITE POLO SHIRTS

HOODIES: RED, WHITE, GRAY, BLACK, OR NAVY BLUE SOLID HOODIES, NO LOGOS



BOTTOMS: KHAKI OR NAVY BLUE PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, POLO DRESSES



DUNBAR BRANDED SCRUBS & SPIRIT SHIRTS WITH LOGO

DUNBAR SCRUBS AND SPIRIT SHIRTS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH DUNBAR'S PTA

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO WEAR SCRUBS IN THEIR HOUSE COLOR – BUT WE PERMIT ANY DESIGN OR COLOR
YOU CAN FIND CHILDREN'S SCRUBS ONLINE FROM WALMART OR AMAZON



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2024-2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Attached is the school supplies list for each grade level. Students are invited to bring their own basic school supplies to use in the classroom.



Dunbar School Supply List 2024-2025

Kindergarten	First Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pair of headphones with student name to leave at school. (*no ear buds please) A full change of uniform clothes (shirt, pants, undergarments, socks) in a Ziploc bag labeled with first and last <u>name</u>. 1 Refillable Water Bottle Spiral Notebooks- 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow 3 Plastic Folders with pockets and prongs 1 Spiral Bound Index Cards - 3 x 5" 1 pack of glue sticks 1 pack of crayons 2- 4 count of dry erase markers-black 1 pack of #2 Ticonderoga Pencils 1 pack copy paper 8.5" x 11" 1 box tissues 1 box gallon or quart Ziploc Bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 pair of headphones with student name to leave at school. (*no ear buds please) A full change of uniform clothes (shirt, pants, undergarments, socks) in a Ziploc bag labeled with first and last <u>name</u>. 1 Refillable Water Bottle 2 composition notebooks- wide ruled pages 4 Plastic Folders with pockets and prongs 6-8 glue sticks 2 boxes of Crayola Crayons 1 pack of Expo Dry Erase Markers 2 packs of pencils 1 pencil pouch 2 Boxes Tissues Ziploc Bags- gallon, quart, sandwich and snack sized large bottle of hand sanitizer
Second Grade	Third Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pair of headphones with student name to leave at school. 3 Spiral Notebooks 3 Composition Notebooks 5 Folders with prongs- 1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 green, & 1 orange 1- 1.5" Binder with 2 pockets 2 packs Pencils 1 pencil pouch 1 pack of twistable Crayons (24 count) 1 box Colored pencils 1 pack of glue sticks 1 pack Erasers 1 box tissues 1 box gallon, quart, sandwich, snack Ziploc bags 1 Refillable water bottle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pair of personal headphones with student name to leave at school. Plastic folders with pockets and prongs: 1 yellow, 1 blue, 1 red, 1 green Single subject spiral notebook- 1 red, 2 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow 1- 1 inch 3 ring binder with pockets 1 set binder dividers 1 pack of glue sticks 1 pack of colored pencils 2 packs of #2 pencils (10 or more) 2 packs of pink wedge erasers 1 pack of Expo Markers, black 1 box of tissues 1 bottle of hand soap Ziploc Bags- 1 box quart sized and 1 box gallon sized
Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pair of headphones with student name to leave at school. 1 - 2" 3-Ring Binder (No Trapper Keepers) 1 pack binder sheet protectors 5 composition books 3 pocket folders with prongs 1 pack of lined notebook paper 1 closed pencil sharpener 2 packs of #2 pencils (12 or more) 2 packs of pink erasers 1 fabric pencil pouch 1 pack of Post It Notes 1 pack of glue sticks 1 pack of colored pencils 2 packs of black or blue dry erase markers 1 pack copy paper 8.5" x 11" 1 box of tissues 1 box gallon Ziploc bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pair of personal headphones with student name to leave at school. 1- 2 inch 3 ring binder with pockets Plastic folders with pockets and prongs: 1 yellow, 1 blue, 1 red, 1 green Single subject spiral notebook- 1 red, 2 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow 2 composition notebooks 1 pack of lined notebook paper 1 pair of scissors 1 pack of glue sticks 1 pack of colored pencils 2 packs of #2 pencils (10 or more) 2 packs of pink wedge erasers 2 packs of Expo Markers, black 1 box of tissues 1 box Ziploc Bags 1 pack copy paper 8.5" x 11"

The following items would be beneficial to have in each grade level:

- o Hand sanitizer
- o Disinfecting wipes (Clorox, Lysol, etc...)
- o Baby wipes

All students should come dressed in uniform and with a bookbag each day for school. Refillable water bottles strongly recommended!



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

Please click on the link below to access the district school calendar for the year!



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2024-2025 DISTRICT CELL PHONE POLICY

There has been an update to our district's cell phone policy that will take effect the start of this year. Under the new policy students are allowed to use their cell phones while they are on the bus

for transportation to and from school but once students arrive on school campus, cell phones must be placed in their backpacks and remain there for the entire school day. Cell phones cannot be visible during school hours.

This is a district policy aiming to enhance focus and minimize distractions. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child adheres to these guidelines, and as the district passes on more information to us, we will be the first to pass it to you!

TGH AND HUMANA SPONSORS FREE TELEHEALTH VISITS FOR DUNBAR STUDENTS!

Our generous partners from Tampa General Hospital have provided us with equipment on Dunbar's campus to provide FREE telehealth visits for Dunbar students AT SCHOOL! The cost of these visits are FREE and sponsored by Humana. We are so excited to offer this for our Dunbar family and provide healthcare for those who may need it when they are sick. Students must be registered to use the telehealth program.

To register your Dunbar student(s), please visit: <https://bit.ly/TGHatschool>.



The advertisement graphic features a dark background with white and teal text. At the top, it says 'TGH VIRTUAL HEALTH KIT powered by tytocare'. Below this is the headline 'CARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH JUST GOT EASIER WITH TGH VIRTUAL HEALTH KIT'. The graphic is divided into four sections, each with an illustration and a key benefit. The first section shows a doctor and a child, with the text 'No insurance? No worries! Your child will have access to world-class care at no cost to you.' The second section shows a doctor on a computer screen, with the text 'See the provider at school anytime. Our TGH Urgent Care providers can remotely examine your child with the help of a school or after-care employee.' The third section shows a desk with a laptop and a person's head, with the text 'And you don't miss work! A web link to join the live visit and all records can be sent to your email. Any medications needed will be sent to your preferred pharmacy.' The fourth section shows a person on a laptop with a headset, with the text 'They get care faster. Your child gets real-time medical care with audio, video and remote medical exams — all without leaving school!'. At the bottom, there is a QR code, a 'SCAN TO REGISTER' button, and contact information: 'More questions? Contact: Email: TGHVirtualHealth@tgh.org'. The website 'TGH.org/VirtualHealth' is also listed. Two 'BEST HOSPITALS' award logos are in the bottom right corner.

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WITH TGH VIRTUAL HEALTH KIT**

No insurance? No worries!
Your child will have access to world-class care at no cost to you.

See the provider at school anytime.
Our TGH Urgent Care providers can remotely examine your child with the help of a school or after-care employee.

And you don't miss work!
A web link to join the live visit and all records can be sent to your email. Any medications needed will be sent to your preferred pharmacy.*
*TGH is not responsible for prescription costs.

They get care faster.
Your child gets real-time medical care with audio, video and remote medical exams — all without leaving school!

TGH Virtual Health Kit allows physical exams of the heart, skin, ears, throat, abdomen and lungs, as well as measures heart rate and body temperature.

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Ask your school or program administrator for a registration form or download the registration form online at <https://bit.ly/TGHatschool>

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Email: TGHVirtualHealth@tgh.org

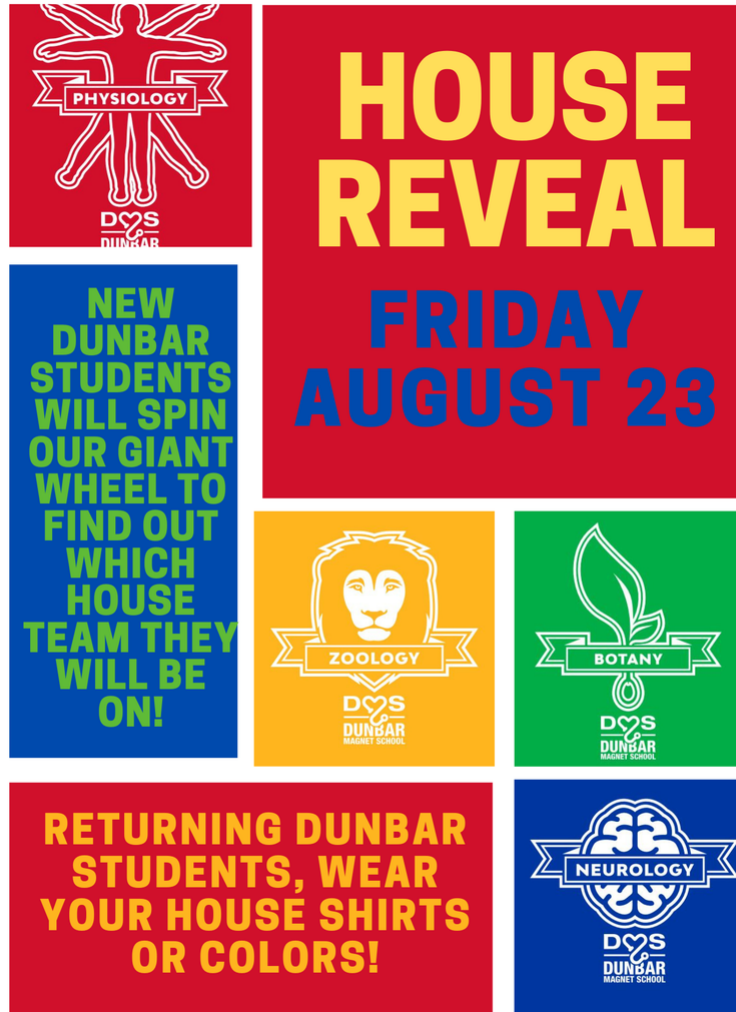
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HOUSE REVEAL FOR NEW DUNBAR STUDENTS!

New Dunbar students will find out what house team they are on during our House Reveal on the afternoon of Friday, August 23. Don't miss it!



IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS

- August 8: Meet and Greet 2PM
- August 12: First Day of School
- August 23: House Reveal for New Students
- September 2: Labor Day- No School!
- September 12: Fall Conference Night
- September 20: Fall Picture Day

Dunbar Elementary Magnet School

- ♥ Melody Mendoza, Principal
- ♥ Alexandra Quintyne, Assistant Principal
- ♥ Sarah Kunis, Magnet Lead Teacher

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