

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year 100 Years Educating The Ballast Point Community!!



Note from the Principal

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Website

<http://ballastpoint.mysdhc.org/>

MySpot registration

<https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/register/>

School Hours Arrival & Dismissal

Breakfast 7:10-7:30 AM
First Bell 7:35 AM
Tardy Bell 7:40 AM
Dismissal Bell 12:55 PM (Monday)
1:55 PM (Tuesday-Friday)

Important Dates

Please see attached Refrigerator Calendar with upcoming events for the month of August.

Mission

To provide an education and supports to enable each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen.

Vision

Preparing Students for Life

Dear BP Families -

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2023-24 school year. It is hard to believe the school year is just around the corner and our school has been educating this amazing community for the past 100 years. With that being said, our theme this year is "100 years of Educating The Ballast Point Community". We have some great things in store as we celebrate the huge achievement.

This summer has been a productive with many outstanding projects being completed or getting started. As you know, we have been working to get astroturf in our courtyard areas. We are so excited to announce that our primary courtyard is complete (It is absolutely beautiful!!!). We have been in close communication with our new PTA board regarding turf for the intermediate courtyard as well a sunshade for the primary playground (stay tuned). Our technology has had a major boost with the arrival of additional Newline Flat Panels-this will allow all learning environments to have this new, state of the art, equipment. FINALLY, we are thrilled to announce the approval for our new Electronic Marquee, which will be located in the front of the school. This has been a passion project for a number of years and we are nearing the end. We will keep you all informed with the progress of the marquee as well as all other transformations around the school.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events scheduled in August:

- Meet the Teacher—Wednesday, August 9th from 11 am —1 pm. As we continue to minimize large gatherings, we are asking families to adhere to the specified time schedule to be on campus. All families will enter through the Kindergarten gate located on the west side of the Main Office.

A-L Families will be from 11 am—12 noon

M-Z Families will be from 12 noon —1 pm

We understand that you want to visit former teachers but we are asking that you only visit this year's teacher at this time. Families are encouraged to bring labeled school supplies to the class during Meet the Teacher. PTA Membership and Spirit Wear will be set up under the covered court.

- First Day of School—Thursday, August 10th—All students will enter from the Kindergarten Breezeway. The district has shared that all buildings will be open on the 1st day of school and parents may walk students to class. Please know that we encourage you to leave your child at the door and head up to the Media Center to meet our PTA and join us for the Back to School PTA/Families Meet and Greet from 7:40-8:15 am. This will be the perfect time to connect with other Ballast Point families and to celebrate the 1st day of school.
- Open House/General PTA Meeting—Wednesday, August 30th—Open House will be from 4 pm-6 pm and the General PTA Meeting will begin at 6-7 pm in the Media Center (childcare will be provided)

Communication is one of our TOP Priorities and as more information is shared from the district, we will be sure to send it your way. A detailed parent handbook will be included in your child's first day packet. Each month you will receive a newsletter via email with the latest school information as well the calendar of events for the month. Text messages are sent throughout the month as needed. Please make sure that we have your up to date contact information when completing documents in the 1st day packet.

Beth & Shannon

Transportation Information

Bus Schedules

If you are interested in having your child ride the school bus, please notify the front office so that a bus pass can be created for your child. If you have any questions, please call 813-272-3070.

Arrival Procedures.

- All students will enter the building through the Kindergarten gate located on Ballast Point Blvd
- Bike riders will park their bikes inside the Kindergarten breezeway gate
- Car riders MUST be dropped off on Ballast Point Blvd no earlier than 7:10
- Adults will supervise at the drop-off area
- Departing from line—turn on Elberon or continue East on Ballast Point Blvd—**No U-Turns** are allowed during arrival or dismissal
- For parking and walking students to the gate, park across the street at South Tampa Fellowship Church
- No parking or drop-off will be permitted on Russell Street (Only buses and day care vans)

Dismissal Procedures

It is critical to notify your child's teacher of how your child will be going home (car, walking, bike, day care, neighborhood bus, HOST) during Meet the Teacher or on the first day of school.

This year we have adopted a new dismissal system that will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. PikMyKid is a digital process to manage dismissal and increase the safety of ALL students. Families will need to download the PikMyKid phone app to register—ALL families MUST register by Friday, September 1st. The app can be downloaded from your smartphone's app store for FREE. Please email support@pikmykid.com or call the front office if you need help with registration. More information will be shared at our General PTA meeting on Wednesday, August 30th.

August 10-September 1-Dismissal Procedures

Students will be dismissed by grade level. All students will be released from school at 1:55 pm Tuesday-Friday and 12:55 on Early Release Mondays.

Parent Walk-Ups—please park at the church and wait for your child on the grass by the corner of Ballast Point and Russell.

Car Riders—all vehicles must have a car tag hanging with child's name and grade. Car tags will be available in front office and your child's classroom during Meet the Teacher on August 9th. Parents will follow the same procedures as AM drop off. Cars will line up in a single file line going east in front of the school. **Do not park across the street on Elberon** or expect to pick your child up in the faculty parking lot. Sending students between cars or to "double park" cars is not part of our dismissal plan. Teachers will escort the students to their cars as the parents remain in their vehicle. If you are placing a child in a car seat, we ask that you pull your car to the very front of the of the car line in order to keep the line moving. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Rainy Day Procedures

Dismissal will be the same as a normal day, however, students will remain in the building and will be escorted out to vehicle upon arrival. For safety reasons, we are asking families to not park and walk up to pick up your child. Please stay in your vehicle and have a car tag visible. If lightning is detected, dismissal will be delayed until it is safe for students and personnel to be outside. Please keep in mind that this procedure does take a little longer than normal—this is to keep everyone safe and we appreciate your patience.

Student Nutrition Services

Breakfast is complimentary for all students who arrive between the hours of 7:10 am –7:35 am. If you would like your child to participate in our breakfast program, it is extremely important to have them here during these hours.

Lunch will be served daily from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. The cost of student lunch is \$2.25. We encourage all families to have students try school lunch.

Once the snack cart opens, parents are encouraged to add funds to your child's account to allow him/her to purchase additional treats at lunch. You can monitor student expenses via the following website—[Student Nutrition Services / Welcome \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](http://StudentNutritionServices/Welcome(hillsboroughschools.org))

Uniform Policy

Uniforms are required at Ballast Point. The uniform top colors are Red, White and Blue. We have also added spirit shirts can be worn daily. The bottoms are navy or khaki colors. Shoes must be closed toed—shoes with straps in the back. (no sandals).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.



EXAMPLE LABEL:

KG01 022

John Doe

2802 Ballast Point Blvd

Tampa, FL. 33611

WELCOME TO BALLAST POINT SCHOOL!

PLACEMENT: If you look at the address label your child's postcard, you will see a four-digit number in the upper right hand corner. Match this number with the number below and you will have your child's grade, teacher and room number.

<u>Address Label</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>
PVP 1	Peeps/VPK	Ms. Collins	160
PVP 2	Peeps/VPK	Vacant	161
	Behavior Supports-Intermediate	Ms. Alberts	05
	Behavior Supports-Primary	Ms. Roberts	159
KG01	Kindergarten	Ms. Collins	24
KG02	Kindergarten	Ms. Hainer	22
KG03	Kindergarten	Ms. Stead	23
KG04	Kindergarten	Ms. Supple	21
0101	First	Ms. Fortier	28
0102	First	Ms. Orta	30
0103	First	Ms. Rivera	27
0104	First	Ms. Stewart	29
0201	Second	Ms. Caggiano	15
0202	Second	Ms. Ho	13
0203	Second	Ms. Le	14
0204	Second	Ms. Scott	12
0301	Third	Ms. Crumpton	32
0302	Third	Ms. McGuire	33
0303	Third	Ms. Moradiellos	17
0304	Third	Ms. Rucker	16
0401	Fourth	Ms. Alou	02
0402	Fourth	Ms. Copple	04
0403	Fourth	Ms. Jones	03
0501	Fifth	Ms. DeVito	07
0502	Fifth	Ms. Guariniello	06
0503	Fifth	Ms. King	08

REGISTRATION: All students who are returning to Ballast Point have already been registered. Please tell new students in your neighborhood that the school office is open daily from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. for registering. The telephone number is 272-3070.

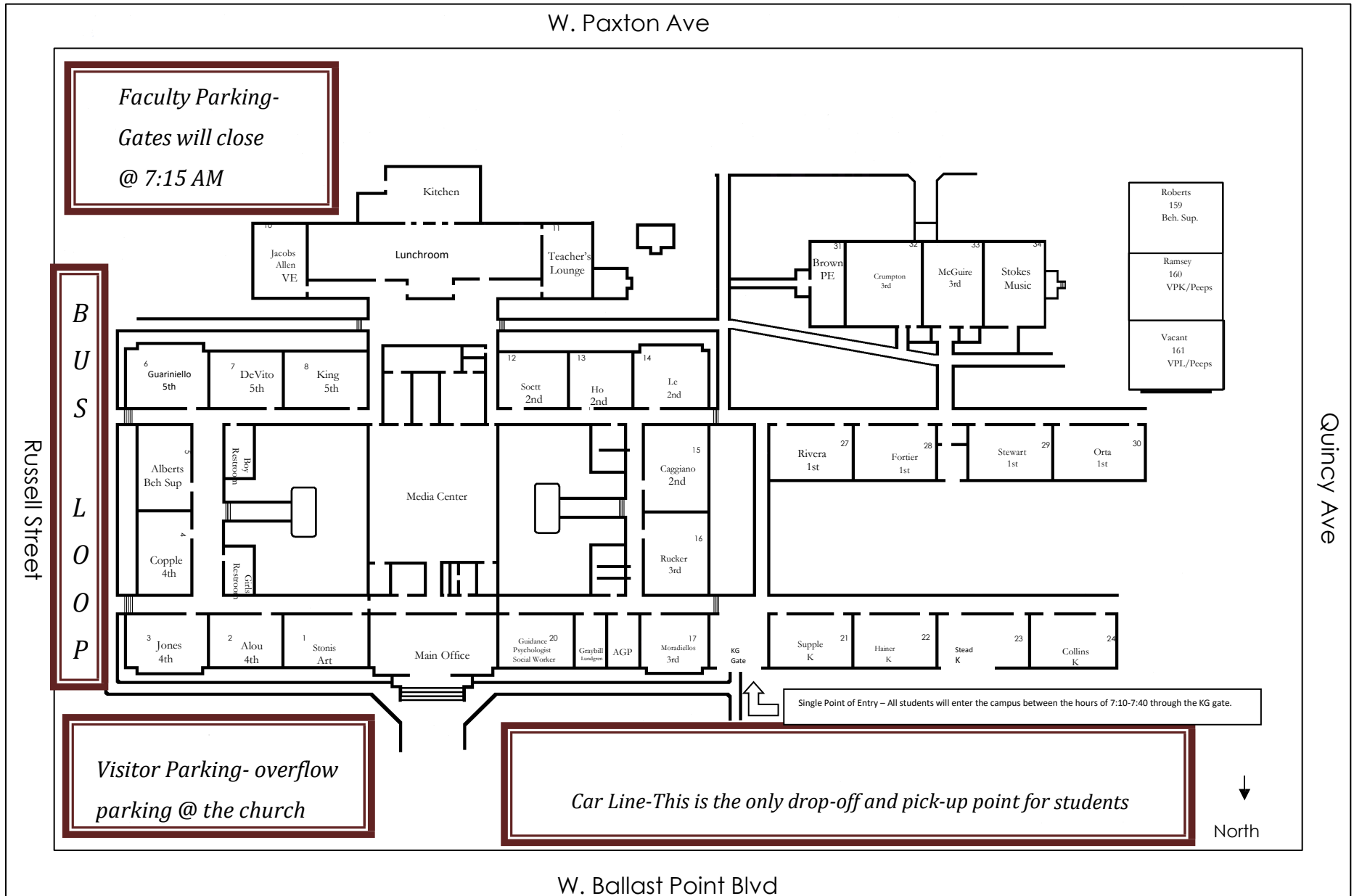
FOOD PROGRAM: Payments for meals can be done through the MyPaymentsPlus App or by cash. Ballast Point currently does not accept checks for payment. All students are eligible for FREE breakfast from 7:10 am -7:35 am. Student lunches will cost \$2.25 daily. If you would like to take advantage of our Free/Reduce Lunch Program, please use the following link to apply.

[Student Nutrition Services / Meal Application | School Meal Benefits \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Student-Nutrition-Services/Meal-Application)

BREAKFAST - Free

LUNCH - \$2.25

Ballast Point Elementary School



2023-2024 School Supplies for Ballast Point Elementary

Kindergarten	First Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pair of scissors • 2 packs of 24 ct #2 pencils • 2 boxes of 24 ct. Crayola crayons • 2 packs of 8-12 ct. colored pencils • 1 box of 12 ct. glue sticks • 1 pack of black dry erase markers • 3 composition notebooks • 1 primary composition notebook • 1 box of Kleenex • 1 pack of large pink erasers • 1 ream of copy paper • 5 plastic pocket folders (red, blue, yellow, green, purple) • 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information) <p>Wish list items: Colored paper, Colored Cardstock, Hand Sanitizer, Clorox/Lysol Wipes, Play Doh, Construction Paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pair of scissors • 2 packs of 24 #2 pencils • 1 box of Kleenex • 2 boxes of 24 ct. Crayola crayons • 1 pkg of 8 ct. markers • 1 pkg of dry erase markers • 4 large glue sticks • <u>Composition</u> notebooks (no spirals please): 2 of each color (red, blue, green, yellow, black) • 5 PLASTIC pocket folders WITH PRONGS- solid colors only (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) • 1 pkg of large pink erasers • 1 ream of copy paper • 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information) <p>Wish list items: Disinfecting wipes, Ziploc bags (sandwich, snack, gallon), sheet protectors, index cards, post-it notes, snacks, paper towels, antibacterial soap</p>
Second Grade	Third Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pair of scissors • 4 PLASTIC folders w/2 pockets and 3 brads (red, green, yellow, blue) • 8 composition notebooks • 2 packs of 24 ct #2 pencils • 2 pkgs of large pink erasers • 1 pkg of post-it notes • 1 pkg of lined paper • 1 ream of copy paper • 1 binder w/pockets (1 inch) • 1 zipper pencil pouch • 4 pack of low-odor Expo markers • Disinfecting wipes • 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information) <p>Wish list items: Ziploc bag (quart, gallon), Crayola Markers, highlighters, colored printer paper, colored construction paper, hand soap, hand sanitizer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 packs of 12 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)-Ticonderoga • 2 pk of colored pencils • 2 glue sticks • 4 marble composition notebooks (blue, green, red, yellow) • 4 PLASTIC folders w/ prongs & pockets (red, yellow, blue, green) • 2 large pink erasers • 2 packs of 3-hole plastic dividers with pockets for planner and writing binder • 2 pkgs of post-it notes (3x3) • 1 pkg of wide rule notebook paper • 1 binder w/pockets (1/2 inch) with view pockets (writing binder) • 1 binder w/pockets (1 inch) (homework binder) • 1 highlighter • 1 pkg of Dry Erase Markers • Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon) • Personal headphones <p>Wish list items: Kleenex, cardstock (white or colored), paper towels, disinfecting wipes, hand soap, Crayons, copy paper, Band-aids</p>
Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – 3 subject notebook • 2 packs #2 pencils • 1 box of colored pencils • 1 box of crayons • 1 multi-pack of Elmer’s glue sticks • 1 graph paper composition notebook • 1 wide ruled composition notebook • 1 folder w/ pockets & prongs • 1 pkg of 5-tab dividers • 1- 1-inch binders with pockets • 2 packs of wide ruled notebook paper • 3 ring pencil pouch • 1 pair of headphones or earbuds for personal use <p>Wish list items: Kleenex, hand soap, hand sanitizer, ream of copy paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pack of 24 ct #2 pencils - Ticonderoga • 1 box of 12 ct Crayola colored pencils • 2 highlighters • 1 small pkg of colored pens (3 or 4 pens) • 4 glue sticks • 1 pack of Post-It notes (3x3) • 1 composition notebook • 4 spiral notebooks (wide ruled) • 2 pkg of wide ruled notebook paper • 5 folders w/ pockets & prongs • 1 pencil bag (fabric) • Scissors – personal to be kept in pencil bag • 1 binders w/ pockets (1 inch) with view pocket • 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information) <p>Wish list items: Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, Ziploc bags (gallon), hand sanitizer, 1 ream of copy paper</p>

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ASD Behavior Support	VPK/PreK
<p>Wish List Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissue • Clorox Wipes • Laminating Sheets • Expo Markers • Colored Cardstock • Personal Headphones • Full Change of Clothes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Backpack (large enough for a folder and other supplies) • 1 Red 2 pocket plastic folder with fasteners • 1 Blue 2 pocket plastic folder with fasteners • 2 packs of glue sticks • 2 inch 3 ring binder w/ Clear View Binder Pockets-White • 1 roll of paper towels • 1 bottle of hand sanitizer • 1 bottle of hand soap • 1 box of tissues • 1 bottle of Elmer's glue • 1 small pack of baby wipes* • 1 nap mat • 1 full change of clothes (shirt, shorts, underwear, socks) labeled • Can of Disinfectant Deodorant • Disinfecting wipes • Personal Water Bottle • Personal Headphones <p>*If your child is not potty trained you will need to send diapers and wipes. No need to send the small pack of wipes listed above.</p> <p align="center">Wish list items: hot glue sticks, disposable bathroom cups, card stock</p>
AGP	Clinic
<p>Wish List Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disinfecting wipes • Copy paper • Tissues/Kleenex • #2 Pencils • Spiral Notebook – Student's choice • 2 pocket folders – Student's choice 	<p>Wish List Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissues/Kleenex • Paper Towels • Antibacterial Soap • Clorox Wipes • Baby Wipes

Meet the Teacher
Wednesday, August 9, 2023
11 am - 1 pm

Enter through KG Gate

11 am - 12 noon - Last names that begin with A-L
12 noon - 1 pm - Last names that begin with M-Z

PTA Membership Drive - KG Gate
Spirit Shirt Sale - Covered Court
Host - Cafeteria
READ - Covered Court

Back to School PTA/Families Meet & Greet
Thursday, August 10th

Media Center
7:40 am - 8:15 am





PIKMYKID APP DELEGATES QUICK GUIDE

Get Started

The PikMyKid app is available for download on your smartphone's app store (Google-Play, App Store or Windows).

Scan below to download!



iOS



Android

Registration

Once you have downloaded the PikMyKid phone app, select "Register a New Account" and follow the prompts to sign up. You will verify your email address and phone number before completing your registration. Each delegate will need to register on their own smartphone with their own information.

Need Help?

If you are unable to see the student's name on your "Children" tab, please send us an email at

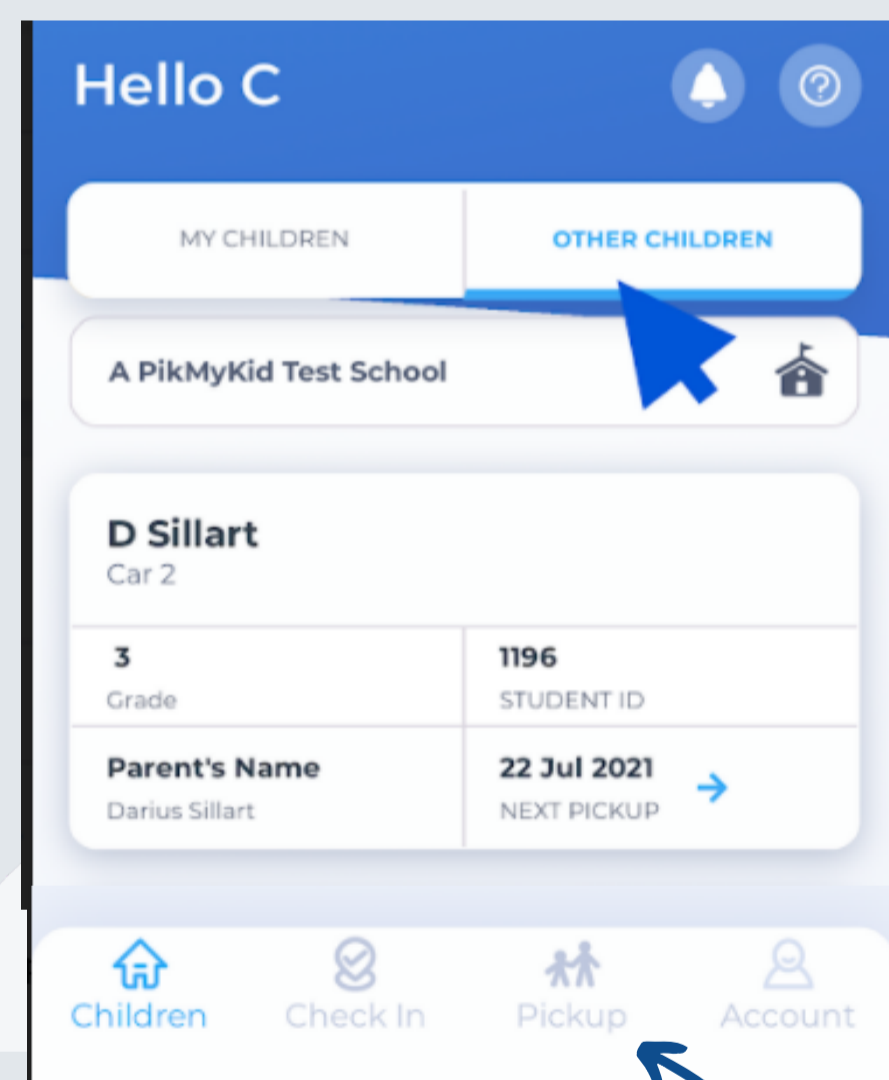
support@pikmykid.com.

Make sure to include the name of the school, and the name of the child.

How to see a child?

In order to see a student on your "Children"/ Home page, make sure the enrolled parent has added your name and phone number to one or more days on the student's calendar.

Select the "OTHER Children" to view students you have been delegated for pickup. Click on the date to see any additional details about the delegation.



On the assigned day, the child will show on your "Pickup" tab. Select the "Announce" green button to announce your arrival.

Note: "Announce" is only available on the assigned days, while at the school campus, and once the dismissal has started.