

# DEER PARK ELEMENTARY

## *RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!*

Welcome Back Parents and  
Students  
First Day of School  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021



Tardy bell rings at 7:40 AM  
Student Day 7:40 AM- 1:55 PM (12:55 on Mondays)

### Before School Events Meet the Teacher

Pre K - 1st Grade  
Thursday, August 5th  
Last Name A-L 4:00-4:45 pm  
M-Z 5:15-6:00 pm

2nd - 5th Grade  
Friday, August 6th  
Last Name A-L 4:00-4:45 pm  
M-Z 5:15-6:00 pm

Virtual Option via Zoom  
Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30 -12:00 pm

**PTA Back to School Event**  
August 5th & 6th 4:00-6:00pm  
During your visit check out the PTA stations to purchase  
agendas, sign up for after school care, Join PTA, and get  
important information about dismissal.

Please read the following pages. They contain some important  
information that will be helpful to prepare you and your child for the  
first day of school.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! We have come a long way since last year and we are very excited about the upcoming year. Deer Park continues to be a school of great achievements and community. We are committed to making sure our Rangers are Safe and continue Learning.



Our theme for the 2021-2022 school year is *"Rangers Lead the Way!"* This is a traditional motto at Deer Park.

We are dedicated to providing every student with the best opportunities for academic, social, and emotional growth in a clean and safe environment. Our staff has been studying the book The 7 Mindsets To Live Your Ultimate Life which is based upon years of extensive research into the fundamental mindsets that guide and empower the world's happiest people and highest achievers. The 7 Mindsets have been designed to promote self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making in students.

The 7 Mindsets are: **Everything is Possible, Attitude of Gratitude, Passion First, Live to Give, We are Connected, The Time is Now, and 100% Accountable.**

## Teacher Meet & Greet

The Deer Park staff would like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher event. Grades Pre K -1<sup>st</sup> will have theirs on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to parking constraints and safety guidelines it is necessary for us to have our meet the teacher event over 2 days and assign times by alphabet. Please see times listed on the first page. In addition, to reduce number of people on campus we are encouraging that only one adult attend the event with the student. There will also be a virtual option from 11:30-12:00 pm on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> for those that are not able to make it to the in person event. Classroom teacher will share zoom information.



## Access Control

In order to maintain a safe and secure campus for all students and staff, we must have accountability for everyone that is on campus. Deer Park is a SAFE or "closed" campus. Beginning with the first day of school, only students and staff are allowed on campus. Please know even though we would like to say yes to everyone, we will be unable to make exceptions for anyone wanting to walk children to class. Staff will be available to assist students in need of extra guidance. If visiting campus for a conference or meeting it must be prearranged with the teacher. Parents must sign in through the front office with a photo ID.

## First Day of School

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Students are expected to arrive between 7:10 A.M. and 7:40 A.M. In the morning, there will be staff members throughout the campus helping students find their classroom. Please remember that the first few days of school are going to be busier than usual. Students and parents will be getting familiar with our campus and procedures. Dismissal may take longer due to the cautionary measures we take to make sure every child is in the correct dismissal area. We need everyone's cooperation in order to make sure our students have a calm and pleasant start to the new school year. The following are some important Arrival and Dismissal procedures we have in place for the safety of our students.



### Morning Arrival Procedures

Students may arrive as early as 7:10 A.M. Student drop off area is on the south side of the school by the cafeteria. It is important students not arrive on campus before 7:10 A.M. Proper supervision is not available. If you need to drop off your child before 7:10 am, you can register your child for the HOST program, which begins at 6:30 am.

We open all entrance gates at 7:10 A.M. Members of our staff will be throughout campus to supervise students. Parents will not be allowed to walk students to class. Free breakfast is served for all students. Please remember that classroom instruction starts at 7:40 A.M. daily, so please make every effort for your child to arrive on time.

### Dismissal Procedures

Students are dismissed at 1:55 P.M (Tuesday-Friday) and 12:55 on Mondays. If your child must be signed out early due to an appointment or family emergency, you may sign him/her out at the front office no later than 1:30 PM (12:30 Mondays). Please be prepared to present photo ID. Please do not make this a regular event. Your child will not be released to anyone unless they are listed on the emergency card and present photo ID. If there is a change in how your child is to go home, please send a written note with the changes to your child's teacher. Students will be dismissed regularly if there is no note.

### Bus Transportation

Bus stop times and bus numbers will be available online. Please visit: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/3708>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 854-6031 where we will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Buses will load and unload in the parking lot in front of the main office. All students transported by bus are requested to be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes before their scheduled time. On the first day of school, students will receive a colored wrist band that coordinates with their assigned bus or means of dismissal. Please **do not remove** this band for the first week of school as this will help us ensure a safe, efficient dismissal.



**Kindergarten Bus Riders:** To continue ensuring the safety of our students, there are procedures for Kindergarten students that ride the bus. All K students will receive a green plastic tag that must remain attached to their book bag all year long. The tag will have the students name, grade level, phone number, and drop off location. K students can be released at the bus stop with an older sibling that is in at least third grade when stipulated by their parent. If there is no older sibling, a designated adult must be at the stop (not waiting in the car). If no adult is at the stop the K student will be returned to school.



### **Car Riders**

The designated car rider drop-off and pick-up is in the parking lot on the south side of the building. Please remain in your car and continue moving forward in a single file line following the loop to the drop-off/pick-up point designated by cones alongside the cafeteria. Staff members will be stationed to help students open and close car doors and ensure they enter the building safely. For safety reasons, we will not allow parents to park and walk with children at arrival or dismissal.

At the Meet the Teacher we will pass out a car tag to hang on your rearview mirror so we can easily identify your car during dismissal. This will help us expedite car rider pick up. Once you have reached the designated pick up area, please move forward. Your child will be walked to your car. If everyone follows the procedure outlined, dismissal should not take more than 15- 20 minutes from the time it begins at 1:55.

### **Walkers**

If your child will be walking by themselves, please discuss safety procedures for walking to and from school with your child. If you wish for your student to wait for you before walking home, please notify your child's teacher. Parents wanting to meet their walkers and walk home with them should meet them on the sidewalk near the crosswalk. Please do not try to pick up your child from here in your car. We will not release them to you. All walkers will be released from the front of the school.



### **Mandatory Uniforms**

Deer Park has a mandatory uniform policy. Students are required to wear navy or khaki bottoms (shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers) and hunter green, gold or white collared shirts on the top. On Fridays, students may wear the school spirit shirt with jeans. Spirit Shirts and school uniform shirts may be purchased at the PTA website <http://www.deerparkpta.org/> According to the current district safety guidelines, mask are face coverings ore optional. The CDC does currently recommend for all unvaccinated persons to wear a mask indoors.



## Health and Wellness Procedures

If anyone (student, employee, or visitor) shows any symptoms of COVID-19, it is extremely important that they not enter any school or district building. They should contact their healthcare provider for guidance. COVID-19 symptoms (not associated with previously diagnosed conditions) include: • Fever or chills • Fatigue • Sore throat • Cough • Muscle or body aches; • Congestion or runny nose • Shortness of breath or • Headache; • Nausea or vomiting difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell • Diarrhea

Currently face mask are optional in our school district. The CDC and local medical partners like TGH does recommend wearing face mask indoors.

*Additional information about COVID procedures and precautions can be found in the school districts reopening plan located on the school district website.*

## Moment of Silence - NEW this year

New legislation requires schools to start the day with a moment of silence for everyone to have time for quiet reflection before starting the school day. Please discuss with your child what the best use of this time will be for them. This moment of silence will occur each day after the Pledge of Aligence.

## School Supplies

A list of grade level supplies needed for the beginning of the school year has been updated and posted on the school website. Individual teachers may request additional supplies once school starts. As the year progresses, supplies may be asked to replenish.

## Dismissal Label

At the "Meet the Teacher" you will receive a Deer Park Dismissal Label. Please complete the information requested and pin it to your child's backpack on the first day of school. This will help us to identify all of our students and make sure that they arrive at the assigned classroom safely and get home in the afternoon safely. Below there is a cut out for you to use if you do not get one at the Meet the Teacher event.



Deer Park Elementary

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal:

Car

Walker

\*Daycare

\*Bus

If Bus please provide information below

Bus # \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

If Daycare please provide the name \_\_\_\_\_



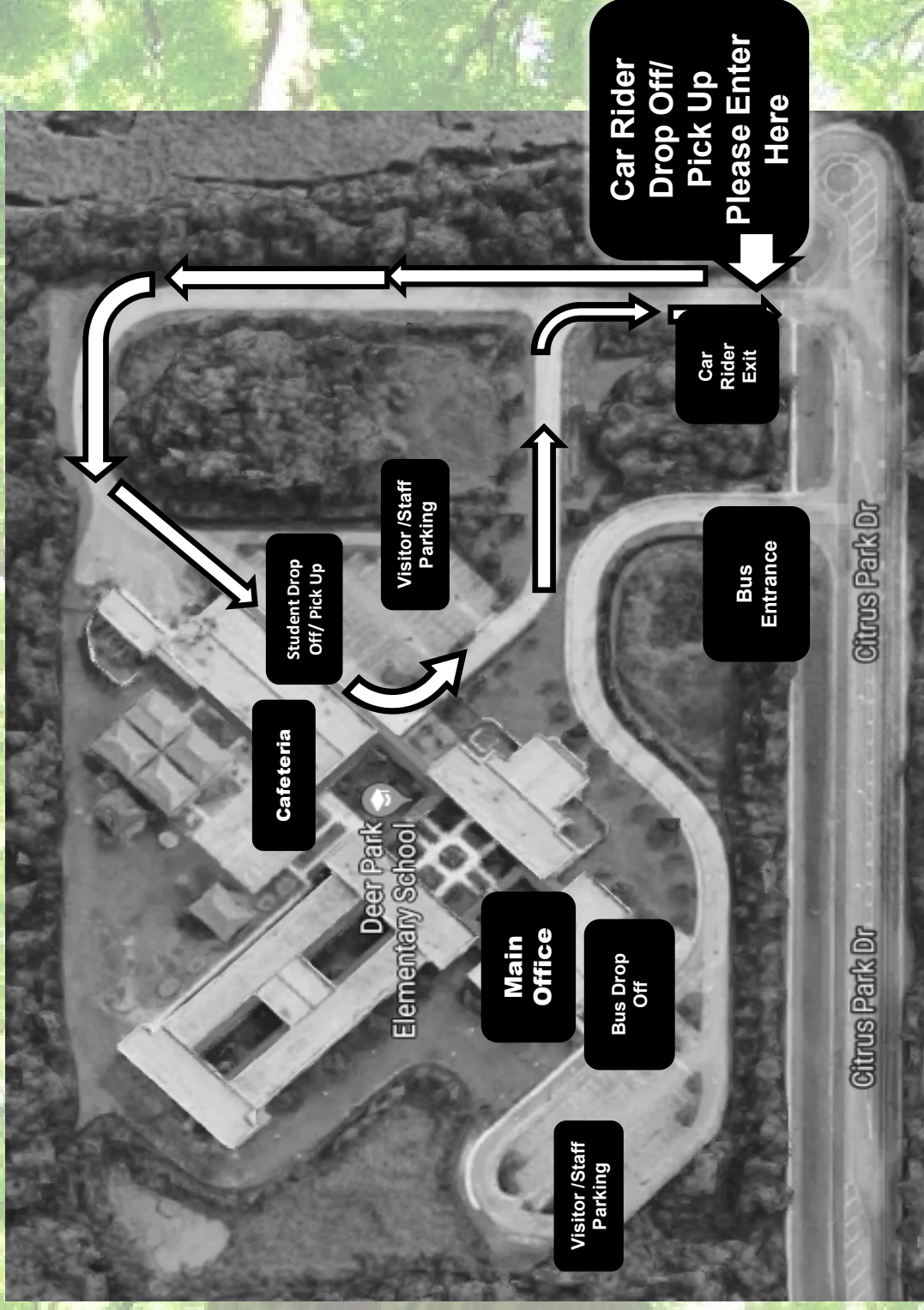
## Deer Park Elementary Arrival and Dismissal Map

### Arrival

Car riders and walkers should arrive at school between 7:10 am and 7:40am. Student drop-off is located next to the cafeteria. The second entrance off Citrus Park Drive loops around to the cafeteria.

### Dismissal

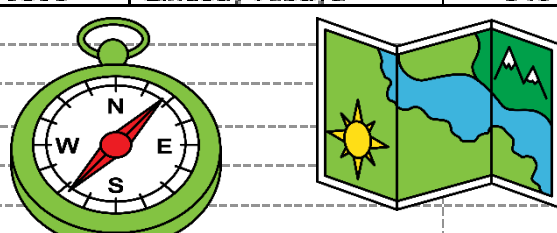
Students will be dismissed at 12:55 on Monday and 1:55pm Tuesday – Friday. Car riders are to be picked-up in front of the Cafeteria. Remain in your car and we will assist your child to your car as you pull up in the car line. Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed with the bus riders up front by the main office.



As the road construction progresses, there will be some changes to the entrance and exit of the school. We will keep you informed.

## Teacher / Room Assignments

You will be receiving a post card and a Parent Link alert message via telephone. Instructions will be given to you so that you will know who your child's teacher is and what room your child will report to on the first day of school. Please keep the teacher and room listings below to use as a reference. If you do not receive a phone call from the Parent Link alert system, you must update your contact information at school. Staff members will be on hand Meet the Teacher Night and the first day of school to assist with finding room assignment.

KINDERGARTEN			FIRST GRADE		
Homeroom	Teacher	Room	Homeroom	Teacher	Room
KG01	Catherine Catanese	306	0101	Amy Kasper	301
KG02	Elisabeth Weber	308	0102	Suzanne Rowe	303
KG03	Lisa Smith	124	0103	Kristen Wallace	305
KG04	Cynthia Valenti	122	0104	Alicia Tenny	309
KG05	Stephanie Lee	123	0105	Lisa Wilson	311
KG06	Beth-Anne Febre	314	0106	Michelle Gordon	313
KG07	Kimberley Henry	321	0107	Melissa Martinez	315
KG08	Jean Harrison	121	0108	Raquel Rocha	307
SECOND GRADE			THIRD GRADE		
Homeroom	Teacher	Room	Homeroom	Teacher	Room
0201	Megan Pullos	302	0301	Brooke Jones	331
0202	Annalyse Mayette	304	0302	Chenin Fernandez	335
0203	Kelli Gordon	312	0303	Melissa O'Connor	337
0204	Courtney Calvo	316	0304	Laura Lopez	339
0205	Eleanor Morin	318	0305	Jacqueline Jane	341
0206	Jeanette Patton	320	0306	Kendra McIntyre	343
0207	Stephanie Blasioli	322	0307	Jennifer Watson	345
0208	Diana Drake	324	0308	Jennifer Clark	351
			0309	Jessica Chang	333
FOURTH GRADE			FIFTH GRADE		
Homeroom	Teacher	Room	Homeroom	Teacher	Room
0401	Sharon Albanese	332	0501	Sara Adkins	344
0402	Kelley Fernandez	334	0502	Patty Ouellet	347
0403	Maria Calvo	336	0503	Kelly Thorn	352
0404	Maria Linden	338	0504	Breann Alderman	354
0405	Stephanie Cooper	342	0505	Edward Fitzpatrick	350
0406	Melissa Austin	346	0506	Justin Lopez	348
			0507	Deborah Bryant	349
			0508	Lindsay Ribaya	340
Pre KVPK					
Homeroom	Teacher	Room			
PEP1	Brittani DeWeese	206			
PVP1	Dalina Nunez	205			