

Deer Park Elementary

LEVEL UP

OUR LEARNING

Welcome Back Parents and Students

First Day of School

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Tardy bell rings at 7:40 AM

Student Day 7:40 AM- 1:55 PM (12:55 on Mondays)

2023-2024 LOADING



Before School Events

Back to School Parent Information Virtual Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 812 8798 3543

Passcode: DPE2324

Meet the Teacher

Pre K – 2nd Grade

Monday, August 7th

Last Name A-L 4:00-4:45 pm

M-Z 5:15-6:00 pm

3rd - 5th Grade

Tuesday, August 8th

Last Name A-L 4:00-4:45 pm

M-Z 5:15-6:00 pm

Virtual Meet the Teacher Option via Zoom

Wednesday, August 9th 11:30 -12:00 pm

PTA Back to School Event

August 7th & 8th 4:00-6:00pm

During your visit check out the PTA and other stations to purchase agendas, sign up for after school clubs, 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 2023-2024 school year! Deer Park continues to be a school of great achievements and community. We are very proud that Deer Park is a "A" rated school with amazing students and families. We are dedicated to providing every student with the best opportunities for academic, social, and emotional growth in a clean and safe environment.

Our theme for the 2023-2024 school year is
"Level Up Our Learning ~ Rangers Lead the Way!"

Our staff has continued growing and learning about the The 7 Mindsets 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.**

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Back to School Parent Virtual Meeting

We will have an informational presentation, on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:00 pm on zoom, Mrs. Lefler, Principal, and Mr. Findley, Assistant Principal, will share with important information to help the school year start off smoothly.


Meeting ID: 812 8798 3543
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Teacher Meet & Greet

The Deer Park staff would like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher event. Grades Pre K -2nd will have theirs on Monday, August 7th and grades 3rd - 5th on Tuesday, August 8th. Due to parking constraints, 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. This is a great time to drop off school supplies. There will be several stations in our cafeteria. PTA will be selling Spirit shirts and memberships. We will also have agendas for \$5 and make sure to get your car rider tag if your child will be picked up by car.


If you are not able to come to the in person event there will be a virtual option from 11:30-12:00 pm on Wednesday, August 9th. Classroom teacher will share link to connect to meeting.





First Day of School

The first day of school is Thursday, August 10, 2023. 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. We open all entrance gates at 7:10 A.M. Members of our staff will be throughout campus to supervise students. 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> 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.



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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 and limited parking, 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 20- 25 minutes from the time it begins at 1:55. Please look at the map on the following page to become familiar with our traffic pattern.

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. Closed toe shoes such as sneakers are best. No flip flops, slides, or Crocs. Spirit Shirts and school uniform shirts may be purchased at the PTA website <http://www.deerparkpta.org/>



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. 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.

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. All our classrooms have water filling stations. Students may have a water bottle. Please write your child's name on water bottles, lunch boxes and jackets.



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/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. We have traffic from 2 directions. Please cooperate with staff so we can operate efficiently.

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. Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed with the bus riders up front by the main office

Car Rider Tips

- **Remain in your car** and we will assist your child to your car as you pull up in the car line.
- Please have students only exit and enter car on passenger side.
- If you need to help your child buckle seat belt, we ask that you pick them up and use an empty park spot to get out and assist your child.

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 at Meet the Teacher Night and the first day of school to assist with finding room assignment.

KINDERGARTEN		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
K01	Stephanie Lee	123
K02	Kimberly Henry	321
K03	Jean Harrison	121
K04	Cynthia Valenti	122
K05	Jennifer Proly	306
K06	Elisabeth Weber	308
K07	BethAnne Febre	314
K08	Hessie Garcia	310

FIRST GRADE		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
101	Amy Kasper	301
102	Katherine Betancourt	303
103	Kristen Wallace	305
104	Alicia Tenny	309
105	Christine Supernor	311
106	Melissa Martinez	307
107	Raquel Rocha	315
108	Clara Salazar	313
109	Andrea Allbritton	322
110	Taylor White	324

SECOND GRADE		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
201	Megan Pullos	302
202	Annalyse Mayette	304
203	Kelli Dohner	312
204	Jeanette Patton	316
205	Suzzane Rowe	318
206	Michelle Gordon	320
207	Kari Morris	319
208	Ylenia Ruiz	317
209	Diane Drake	326

THIRD GRADE		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
301	Brooke Jones	331
302	Brooke Dupree	333
303	Laura Lopez	339
304	Stephanie Blasioli	341
305	Melissa Oconnor	337
306	Louise Sorensen	335
307	Alanna Quilantang	351
308	Jessica Chang	351

FOURTH GRADE		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
401	Maria Linden	338
402	Maria Calvo	336
403	Tracy Lefort	342
404	Missy Austin	346
405	Jennifer Clark	334
406	Jennifer Watson	332
407	Tracy Roberts	344
408	Lindsay Ribaya	340

FIFTH GRADE		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
501	Sara Adkins	349
502	Allison Snow	347
503	Justin Lopez	348
504	Chennin Fernandez	350
505	Kelly Thorn	352
506	Linda Simonton	354
507	Andrea Cooke	345

PRE-K/VPK		
HOMEROOM	TEACHER	CLASSROOM
PYP1	Brittani DeWeese	206
PEP1	Stephanie Bylund	205