



Fisher-Mitchell School

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Dear FMS families,

On behalf of the FMS staff, I am sharing that we are all excited for the new school year to begin. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer, filled with productivity, smiles, laughter, joy and some learning.

While our first day of school is Wednesday, August 29th, it is NOT a Late Start Wednesday (LSW). The LSW school schedule begins September 5th.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year it is a good idea to review the daily routine at FMS.

***8:15-8:25am Buses, Walkers and students being dropped off enter the building.**

Students are not allowed to arrive on school grounds prior to 8:15.

There is onsite YCare for before and after care, should you be in need of these services, please coordinate with the Bath YMCA.

***8:15 -8:40am Breakfast is served**

***8:25am School Begins**

Students arriving after 8:25am are considered tardy and must be signed in by a parent.

11:25-11:50am Fourth Grade Lunch

11:55-12:20pm Third Grade Lunch

12:25-12:50pm Fifth Grade Lunch

2:55-3:10pm Bus and Walker Dismissal (students riding buses or leaving the property on foot)

3:10pm Pick Up Dismissal (students leaving the property in a vehicle)

**During LSWs these times are one hour later*

For more in depth information regarding students arriving and leaving FMS, please review "HERE WE COME & THERE WE GO."

Throughout the year you will find important information in our Falcon Footnotes, on our Website and in our email communications. To receive email communications, be sure we have your email address listed on your student's census sheet. As we start the school year, here are some dates to consider:

Open House is September 12th, 5:30-6:30

School Board Meeting 17th 6:00pm @ FMS

PTA Meeting is September 18th 6:30pm @FMS

Picture Day is September 19th

I know that many of you are not looking forward to the annual first day of school packet and we have been working to reduce the amount of paperwork that we ask you to complete. In an effort to reduce waste and lessen the amount of paperwork sent home in these packets, we have opted to publish the following documents on our website.

Handbook for Families
Student Internet and Computer Use Policy
Annual notices from Facilities Director
Homeless Students Notice

A slimmed down version of the packet will be coming home on the first day of school and we ask that you please make these packets a priority and return them to school as soon as possible.

Although we have you verify your information at the beginning of the year, we know that things change. Keeping the school informed is critical and we are happy to receive information via email at hspence@rsu1.org, voicemail or you can send a note with your student. It is also important to keep the nurse updated on your student's health needs. Please email Nurse Ricki at ewaltz@rsu1.org when health or medication changes occur.

I'm sure many, if not all of you, have had a slightly unstructured or more relaxed routine than when school is in session. In order to start the year off successfully, I have found it important to start to get back into the routine SLOWLY. Over the next few weeks, consider a more structured evening and morning routine. Practice the breakfast, getting dressed and packing your lunch routine a day or two early so you are not rushed, stressed and frazzled on the first day of school.

See you soon!
Ross Berkowitz and the FMS Staff