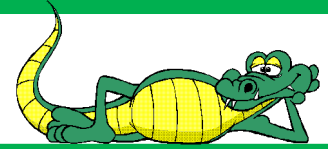


# Davidsonville Elementary School

## Welcome Back to School 2022



Welcome to the start of the 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to seeing our students next week! Here are a few updates and reminders as you prepare your family for the start of school:

**SCHOOL START SCHEDULE:** All students in grades 1-5 start school on Monday, August 29th. Kindergarten students have a different schedule with a parent conference on Monday or Tuesday and one staggered entrance day on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

**STAFFING:** Our school is extremely blessed to be starting the new school year fully staffed! We have many new additions to our Gators and have highlighted our teams on Twitter this week. We also have an updated staff composite in our front hallway. Many of our changes were a result of earlier start times and the difficulty for staff who lived far away.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** You can find the school supply list for your child's grade on our website at [www.aacps.org/Page/4253](http://www.aacps.org/Page/4253).

**BUS TRANSPORTATION:** All students who utilize bus transportation must be registered this school year. To start the year, two DES buses are still in need of drivers. Bus 85 and Bus 461 will NOT have drivers. Continue to check the school system website for updates at [www.aacps.org/Page/9658](http://www.aacps.org/Page/9658). For daily disruptions, a text message will go out to all families.

**CAR LANE:** If you are using our car lane in the morning or the afternoon, you will pull into the main entrance side of our school. As you approach the school entrance from Rt. 214, there is a sign telling you where to stop and wait prior to turning in. This distance allows cars exiting our school parking lot to have a clearer view when turning onto the busy road. Please remain at this spot until you see the last car in the car lane pull forward of the white trash can. This is new this year and is intended to give you a marker when you are out on the road. This will allow traffic to continue to flow while others can enter and exit.

In the car line we will load and unload 10-12 cars at one time so we can have all traffic move forward at one time. This allows the traffic to move more quickly. Ideally, parents remain in vehicles and students exit/load cars independently. If you have to support, that is okay; we just ask that you do this quickly and recognize the large amount of cars moving through. Please pull into a spot if you have to secure your child into a car seat. There is NO passing in the car lane to support safety.

**ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL TIMES:** Our school time this year will be 8:00am—2:25pm daily. We will open our school doors for students at 7:40am. Dismissal begins at 2:25pm. \*\*Please know, with the change in school times, our staff hours have changed as well. Staff will arrive to DES by 7:30am.

**CHROMEBOOKS:** All students will continue to be assigned a Chromebook. Students who already have theirs should pull them out this weekend, wipe them down, and charge them for Monday. Only students in grades 3-5 should bring theirs to school. Students in grades K-2 will have a Chromebook at home and a Chromebook at school so they do not have to bring theirs to and from school. Each class will have their own Brightspace page. Teachers will provide more information on this at Back-to-School Night, as they roll this out slowly to start the year.

**LUNCH and SNACK:** To start the school year, meals will no longer be free to students. Breakfast will cost \$1.50 and lunch will cost \$2.75. Milk is only able to be purchased with a meal, not individually. Our lunch shifts will range from 10:55am-1:55pm. Please send your child with a dry snack as teachers will plan for a snack time each day. Send your child with a filled water bottle daily (water only, please). We ask that this have a secure top and be placed on the outside of the backpack to prevent books from being ruined. Please write student names on both their lunch box and water bottles.

**PTO:** Our PTO launched the year at our Sneak-a-Peek this week, selling Gator Wear and recruiting volunteers. Be on the look out for them at Back-to-School Night and mark down their first general membership meeting on September 13th.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** September 5—No School for Labor Day      September 13—PTO General Membership at 7:00pm  
September 15—Back-to-School Night at 6:30pm at DES      PTO Skate Night at Crofton Skate Zone from 5:00-7:00pm

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