



YORKTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Greetings, Yorktown Families!

I trust you are all well and hope that you are having a wonderful summer break! Our school team has been working diligently to prepare for the upcoming school year and we look forward to continued partnerships with our parents, PTA, and school community to ensure that our students' learning experiences are rich, meaningful, and impactful in our efforts to develop our future leaders.

In preparation for the first day of school (Monday, August 26th), you will find important information and updates below. ***Please note: The information included in this letter is subject to change in accordance with systemic updates. We appreciate your patience and flexibility!***

Staffing Updates

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the Yorktown Elementary School family!

- Ms. Melissa Kaye - Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Gloria DeRusso- First Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Lavenia Dorsey - Fifth Grade Teacher
- Ms. Daijah McManus - Professional School Counselor

New School Hours

Yorktown's school hours have changed! The new hours are 7:30am to 1:40pm. Students will be admitted into the building starting at 7:15am. Tardy slips will be issued to students who arrive after 7:30am.

School Supplies

The Yorktown Elementary school supply list has been posted to the school website. You are welcome to stop by the school office if you would like a hard copy.

Student Meals

Breakfast and lunch will be available for students to purchase each day. The cost for breakfast is \$1.60. The cost for lunch is \$2.75. Parents are encouraged to prepay for meals by depositing funds into your student's account using the electronic payment system which can be accessed online at Myschoolapps.com.

Meal benefit applications, which are used to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, will be available for pick-up in the school office or online at Myschoolapps.com. Online applications are processed within 24-48 hours.

Student Absences

Yorktown will begin utilizing an electronic student absence notification form this year. Parents and guardians are now asked to report students' absences using the Google form link below. The link can also be found on the Yorktown Elementary School website. Absences without notification will be noted as unexcused and/or unlawful.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG3Ac4eCF2ptEouBjom30TPI-zihZzMAipYZfC62r8ADZjmQ/vi_ewform?usp=sf_link



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ParentVUE

As you may know, PGCPS has adopted a new student information system for use during the upcoming school year. *Synergy* will replace School Max as the platform that allows authorized caretakers to view students' enrollment, attendance, and academic records.

Beginning on July 22nd, parents will be able to create a ParentVUE account. On August 19th, students' homeroom assignments and schedules will be available to view. Please visit <https://www.pgcps.org/offices/information-technology/technology-training-and-instructional-technology/parentvue-support-for-parents-and-guardians> for more information.

Volunteers & Chaperones

PGCPS requires all parent volunteers (new and returning) to complete the volunteer application annually. Any parents who are interested in volunteering in any capacity (i.e., classroom helpers, field trip chaperones, school events) are required to complete the application and are encouraged to do so early! Please visit the volunteer webpage using the link below to obtain more information and to apply.

<https://www.pgcps.org/offices/ograc/volunteer>

Important Dates

- ***Kindergarten & New Student Orientation - Friday, August 23rd***
All kindergarten and new students are invited to attend a brief orientation and classroom visit. We will host two sessions:

Kindergarten Families - 9:00 - 10:00am
1st - 5th New Families - 10:30 - 11:30am
- ***Sneak a Peek at Your Child's Seat - Friday, August 23rd***
Returning 1st through 5th grade students are invited to stop in to meet their homeroom teacher and drop off school supplies between 1:00 and 2:00pm.
- ***First Day of School – Monday, August 26th***
- ***Back to School Night - Thursday, September 12th @ 6:00pm***
- ***School Closed (Labor Day) - Monday, September 2nd***
- ***School Closed (Professional Development Day) - Monday, September 16th***

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am only a phone call or email away. We look forward to seeing our WILDCATS soon!

Sincerely,

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