Coxsackie-Athens Elementary Schools

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Coxsackie Elementary School! We are so excited to begin this school year with you and your child as they start their educational journey in Kindergarten. We can't wait to partner with you to make this year a wonderful and successful experience for your child.

The **first day of school is Thursday, September 4**. All Kindergarten students will begin on that day. To help ease the transition into Kindergarten, we invite families to attend a Meet and Greet on **Wednesday, September 3 from 3-4pm**. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to visit the school, participate in a bus orientation, and explore their classroom. A flyer with additional details is enclosed with this letter.

We will also host a Kindergarten Parent Open House on **Thursday September 18** at 5PM, where families can meet the teaching team, learn about the year ahead, and hear all about the fun and learning your child has experienced so far.

Getting Ready for the First Day

Now is a great time to begin establishing school routines. Start practicing consistent morning and bedtime schedules and talk with your child about what to expect at school. School hours are 8:05 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. A student will be marked tardy after 8:10 a.m. A staggered dismissal will begin at 2:20pm.

Transportation Information

Board of Education policy provides transportation for every Kindergarten child in the District who is 4 years or older on the first day of school. Children living within the Village may have to walk to a designated pickup point to meet their bus. There are a few cases where children living very close to the school would have to walk further to a pickup point than to the school. It is expected that these children would probably choose to walk to school.

It is important that children riding the bus do so from the first day if possible. **Please note:** A parent/guardian or approved person **must be present at the bus stop** for both **pickup and drop off** to accept Kindergarten children each day.

Student Information & Parent Portal

Parents will be able to start accessing the student information system portal (aka Parent Portal) on **August 18.** The parent portal will give you immediate access to teacher information, trimester report cards, attendance information, support services and discipline referrals. **Note: Link to Scheduling Tab to find your child's homeroom teacher. The Transportation Tab is where you can find your student's AM/PM bus route if applicable.**

If you need assistance or haven't received your portal login information, we're here to help. Visit http://bit.ly/40GBtFs for guidance. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the school so we can mail a hard copy to you. As part of our efforts to go green, the **CA website** will continue to be an essential communication tool.

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Rotating Schedule

We will continue using a four-day rotating schedule (Days A–D). This system allows for more equitable access to exploratory subjects like Art, Music, PE, Library, and Technology, reduces the impact of Monday/Friday holidays, and increases student time in physical education. It also helps us use our staff resources more efficiently.

Stay Connected

The District Calendar, located on our website, is a great tool for keeping up with important dates and events. Please also be aware that student photos may occasionally appear in school newsletters, local news outlets, or on our website. If you **do not** want your child's photo published, notify the school in writing by **September 1**. **Please know this must be updated every year, so even if you have notified us in years past, you will need to do so again.**

Another great way to stay involved is by joining our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). Volunteering is a wonderful way to support your child's education and our school community. You'll find PTO meeting dates and event information on the district calendar, in the school handbook, and on the PTO website.

What an exciting time this is going to be for your child! Without a doubt, this is one of a child's greatest experiences and we look forward to partnering with you as your child begins their educational journey. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

We look forward to working with you and your student in the upcoming school year.

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