



Guthridge Elementary
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Kurt Friess, Principal
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Dear Guthridge Parents,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the final days of summer vacation. The staff at Guthridge Elementary has been working diligently to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, and we are eager to welcome our students back to the building. Our primary mission is to provide the highest quality learning experience for your child, and we are committed to making this year both productive and rewarding. As we prepare for the first day of school, please review the following important information regarding enrollment and upcoming events:

Enrollment and Viking Fest

If you have not yet enrolled your student, please contact our office at 620-421-6800 as soon as possible. Additionally, we invite you to attend **Viking Fest** tomorrow, August 13, at Parsons High School from 4:30-7:00 PM. During this event, we will distribute classroom assignments and provide on-site assistance for those who still need to complete the enrollment process.

Sneak Peek

We will host a **Sneak Peek** for all elementary schools on Wednesday, August 19, from 5:00 to 7:00PM. This is an open-house style event where you and your child can meet their teachers, locate their classrooms, and reconnect with classmates. You are also encouraged to bring school supplies at this time to organize them in the classroom before the first day of school.

First day of School and Daily Schedule

The first day of school is **Thursday, August 20**. Our daily schedule is as follows:

Doors open at 7:40

Classes Begin at 8:10

Dismissal is at 3:30

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

To ensure the safety of all students, please adhere to the following traffic and safety protocols:

Non-Busing Students: All students arriving by car must enter through the southwest door on the south side of the building. Students are to report immediately to the gymnasium upon arrival.

Traffic Flow: When dropping off or picking up your child, please travel **west on Briggs Avenue** toward 32nd street.

Safety: Please drop your child off on the north side of the road. All students must use designated crosswalks.

Bus Riders: Students who utilize district transportation will use the **Safe Room** as their designated “bus stop.” This ensures all students remain supervised and protected from the elements.

Parent Involvement

We value your partnership and invite you to be actively involved in your child’s education. We have excellent opportunities for parent leadership through our **PTO** and **Site Council**. Sign-up sheets for both organizations will be available during the Sneak Peek. If you are interested in serving on our Site Council or have any questions regarding the upcoming year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for choosing Guthridge Elementary. I look forward to a wonderful year of growth and learning with our fourth and fifth grade Vikings.

Sincerely,

Kurt Friess
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