

DuPont Elementary School


Welcome Back to School – Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Arrival/Dismissal



In order to protect instructional time and for the safety of our school, the doors will be open from **7:45 a.m.** – **8:00 a.m.** each morning during arrival with teachers supervising the entrances. Students should not arrive early to wait outside on the sidewalk as it will be unsupervised and poses a safety concern. Parents may enter the building if needed to walk students to their classroom door until August 11th, Independence Day, then we ask that only students enter the school building upon arrival.

Kindergarten and 2nd grade car riders and walkers will enter the building at the Kindergarten hallway doors. 1st grade car riders and walkers will enter the building at the 1st grade hallway doors. 3rd – 5th grade students will enter the back building under the walkway. Pre-K parents will use Livingston Street and meet teachers to sign in students.

At dismissal, parents should wait at their cars for students. A walkie-talkie system will be used by teachers and staff for a **safe dismissal** for all students. Car riders should have car tags hanging from the rearview mirror, and parents may stand outside of car door while teachers escort students around the car circle. If you must meet your child as a walker, please do so at the crossing guard. 

Please send a **note** or call the front office if your child should go home a different way than usual.

Families should complete the Bus Permission form even if your child is a car rider. This form needs to be completed in order for students to ride the bus on field trips.

If you must get your child early, please come to the front office and ring the bell. No early dismissals after 2:30.

All **visitors** to the school must come to the front office with proper identification in order to have a student dismissed early.

The school day begins at 8:00 am and dismisses at 3:00 pm.



Standard School Attire

Students should wear any **solid color** collared shirt with khaki, navy, or black bottoms (shorts, pants, skirts). No jeans. No hoodies. Leggings can be worn under skirts/shorts but should not be worn alone as pants.

DES Spirit shirts may be worn any day of the week with or without a collar.

Technology

When students in grades 3rd – 5th bring their school **laptops** home, they should return them to school fully charged the next day. Create a place at home for computers to be charged overnight and brought back to school safely in backpack.

Headphones for the computer are highly recommended for both home and school.



For more detailed information and to complete the online permission forms, see the MNPS Code of Conduct at <https://www.mnps.org/students-families/student-resources/handbook>

Breakfast/Lunch



Students will be eating **FREE** breakfast in the classroom. PreK – 2nd graders will have breakfast delivered to the classroom. 3rd- 5th graders will pick up their breakfast from the cafeteria before going to class.

Free Lunch will be in the cafeteria with students in assigned seats. Parents will not be allowed to eat with students on a daily basis; however, there may be special dates indicated by the school – more info to come. Students may bring a lunchbox from home, but no sharing of food, no carbonated drinks, nor fast food brought in

If you would like to send a treat to celebrate your child's birthday, it must be an individually wrapped, pre-packaged item (excellent choices include pencils, stickers, etc.). No bakery items. No balloons. No flowers.

Classroom Environment Safety Protocols

Hand washing and sanitizing will be encouraged multiple times throughout the day.



Items from home such as toys and games should stay at home.

If your child has a fever or is not feeling well, he/she should stay home. If your child becomes ill at school, the school nurse will contact you to pick up your child as soon as possible or within the hour.

All **visitors** to the building must enter through the front office, show proper identification that will be entered into the Raptor Identification system, and wear a badge.

Attendance

When your child is absent, please **send a note** to the teacher.



Excessive absences (5 or more) will result in an attendance referral with a letter mailed to the home.

Arriving to school after 8:00 am results in tardiness and impacts instruction. The parent or guardian must come to the front office with the student to sign in.

Grades

Assignments given by teachers are an important way of monitoring a student's mastery of skills. Assignments not completed may result in a failing grade.

Parents can view student grades through the parent portal. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have access.

Communication



Teachers use various forms of **communication** to contact parents. Please make sure your contact information (email, phone numbers, and address) remains current with the teacher and the school. Sign up for the Remind App and check your email often for updates from your child's teacher.

Check your child's folder daily for homework, graded papers, and forms that need to be signed and returned to school.

Cell Phones



Students who bring a cell phone to school must keep it turned off and in their backpack for the duration of the school day including during time on the bus.