



Gladwyne Elementary School

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Dear Gladwyne Families,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer of relaxation and rejuvenation. We are excited to welcome back our students for the 2021-22 school year. This letter will highlight some important details that you will need to know as our students prepare to return to school.

Schedule:

1st Day of School for Grades 1-5 - Thursday, September 9, 2021

1st Day of School for Kindergarten - Monday, September 13, 2021

Kindergarten: AM Session 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM PM Session 12:45 PM - 3:35 PM

Grades 1 - 5: 9:00 AM - 3:35 PM

Kindergarten Schedule Details: AM Kindergarten dismissal begins at 11:45 AM. All AM K dismissals will occur from the small bus circle. If your K student will be riding the school bus, there must be an adult at the bus stop or your child cannot be dropped off.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

- 8/26/21 - 11:00AM-12:00PM - New Student Orientation (grades 2-5)
- 9/2/21 - 9:30AM-10:30AM - Kindergarten Sneak Peek
- 9/2/21 - 1:00PM-2:00PM - 1st grade Sneak Peek
- 9/2/21 - 2:00PM-3:00PM - Virtual Students from 2020-21 Sneak Peek
- 9/9/21 - Kindergarten AM Orientation Zoom 1:1 calls w/teacher throughout the day
- 9/10/21 - Kindergarten PM Orientation Zoom 1:1 calls w/teacher throughout the day
- 9/22/21 - Open House 6:00-6:45 Grades K-2 and 7:15-8:00 Grades 3-5 (w/virtual option)

Homeroom Assignments: Families will have access to homeroom assignments via the PowerSchool Parent Portal beginning on Friday, August 27th in the early evening hours.

Parent Portal/PowerSchool: This is where you will access homeroom teacher assignments, transportation information about bus route/stop location/time, report cards, and also update your emergency contact information. If you have not yet set up your Parent Portal account, click this [link](#) to get started.

School Supply List: School supplies can be located on the [Gladwyne Website page](#)

Arrival:

- If driving or walking, students can be dropped off at the school beginning at 8:45AM or 12:45 PM for PM Kindergarten.
- Please review the attached map for details on the entrances for each grade level as well as the flow of traffic for the carline.
- If your child needs more time to exit the vehicle or needs assistance with their seat belt/car seat, please use the township parking lot and the walking path to the school.

Dismissal:

- Please inform your child's teacher of their dismissal plan. Try to establish a consistent dismissal plan for your child.

Carline Reminders:

- Parents will enter the school campus from Righters Mill Road and proceed to the small bus loop near the K/1 entrance for drop-off and pick-up.
- Please do not get out of your vehicle.
- During arrival children should be ready to unload on the right-hand side of your vehicle when you pull up. During dismissal as your vehicle approaches the pick-up location, staff will radio for your child(ren) to exit the building. Please continue to pull your car forward in the circle so that students can enter the car towards the end of the circle.
- Detailed Car Loop Map [Gladwyne Detailed Car Loop Map](#)

Student Pick up/Walkers Reminders:

- Families may pick up from the main entrance as well. Be sure to bring a paper with your child(ren)'s names and teacher on it. We ask that anyone who is picking up a child at this location please wear a mask.

Health and Safety:

- **Screening:** Parents/guardians must complete a screening at home each morning using this [document](#). Temperatures will not be taken at school by the school nurse unless a student expresses that they are not feeling well.
- [LMSD Health and Safety Plan](#)
- **Face Masks:** Students are required to wear a face mask at all times indoors, including on the entire bus ride to and from school, if using school transportation. Please send in a spare mask with your child in a labeled Ziplock bag. During lunch students will remove their masks, but will be seated 6 feet apart from each other.

Bus Transportation:

- Your child's bus number and pick up/drop off information will be available for families to view on the Parent Portal on Friday, August 27th in the early evening hours.

Electronic Devices - iPads (Grades K/1) and Chromebooks (Grades 2-5):

- All students will be given an electronic device to use throughout the school year. Classroom teachers will notify you if the device will be transported daily or if it will remain at school.
- All device chargers can remain at home and do not need to come to school.

Snack:

- Students will have an opportunity to eat a snack outdoors during their scheduled Physical Activity time.

Lunch/Recess:

- All students will eat lunch prior to going to recess so that they can wash their hands in their classrooms before eating.
- Students will eat in either the cafeteria or the gymnasium.
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart in assigned seating grouped by homeroom.
- If you are buying lunch daily, weekly or monthly, you must preorder using this [site](#).
- We will begin the school year with zoned areas for each class to play in during recess. These locations will rotate each week. We hope that as the year progresses that we will be able to have opportunities for different homerooms to engage with each other, including integrating the recess period.

School Supply Lists:

- Grade-specific school supply lists can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#). Individual teachers may also provide more detailed information about supplies.

Before/After Care:

- **Right at School** provides before and after school childcare. If you are interested in this program, please reach out to the director, Jill Donnelly, jill.donnelly@rightatschool.com or 484-684-4404.

Home and School Association:

- The Home and School Association serves as a liaison between the parents, children and teachers of Gladwyne School. To learn more, please visit their website [here](#).

We hope your children are as excited to return as we are to welcome them. If your child is feeling anxious about returning, sharing some of these details with them ahead of time may help to ease their transition. As always, our counselors are available to support students as needed. Ms. Quaneesha Shields ShieldQ@lmsd.org is the counselor for grades K, 3 and 4 (while Mrs. Karen Brandenburger is home on maternity throughout the first semester) and Mrs. Deborah Wilson-Leslie WilsonD@lmsd.org is the counselor for grades 1,2 and 5.

Best,

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Principal