

A Message from the Principal

Hello ISD students and families,

It is my great honor to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! We have designed this website with the hope it will be useful for students, parents, teachers and community members as a resource and guide to ISD. We hope this site provides you with helpful information and you find it easy to use. Please feel free to contact us at 203-637-3800 if you have any further questions or need further information.

ISD is a wonderful school serving approximately 340 students kindergarten through grade five. Located in the beautiful Riverside section of Greenwich, ISD was the first magnet school established in Greenwich in 2000. In 2003, ISD was also the first school in New England to become an accredited International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) school. The Vision of ISD is “to lead students toward becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens of the world. To this end, we teach, model, reinforce, and reward the achievements of academic and social/emotional goals that will result in students becoming: Inquirers, Thinkers, Communicators, Risk-Takers, Knowledgeable, Principled, Caring, Open-Minded, Balanced, and Reflective.”

We are also blessed with the support of an incredible PTA who are devoted to supporting the success of students and staff. Our PTA sponsors a variety of special events and programs throughout the school year that enhance and enrich the educational experience of our students. Please be sure to register at: isdpta.org to receive PTA communication and stay up-to-date on school events.

Here are a few reminders to kick off the new year:

8/31: New Student Orientation and Kindergarten Orientation

- New students to ISD in grades 1-5 are invited to attend a brief orientation from 11:00am-12:00pm. New students are invited to the media center and should look for their grade level sign. Mr. Matejek and I will be there, and staff will be providing tours. Parents are invited to the cafeteria during this time to meet with the PTA.
- All Kindergarten students are invited to attend a brief orientation from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Students in kindergarten and their parents should meet at the blacktop which is located near the playground. Look for your teacher’s name on the signs. The three kindergarten teachers will come out and meet everyone and then take their students into their classrooms. Parents will remain outside for a quick visit with the PTA. Popsicles will be served on the blacktop after the orientation for our K students.

These brief visits will give students the opportunity to meet their teachers and see their classrooms before school starts on Thursday, September 1st.

9/1: First day of school, school starts promptly at 8:45am

- Kindergarten students ONLY will have a slightly later start on this day. Their classroom doors will open at 9:30 and they will be greeted by their teacher. Kindergarteners are

dismissed a little earlier at the end of the day so parents should plan on being here around 3:05 for pick up.

- Front doors and outside classroom doors will open at **8:30 am** for students in grades 1-5. Students in grades one and two will enter through the classroom door on the field side of the school (except for Ms. Sciarretta's students who will enter and exit through the front doors as her classroom does not have an exterior door). All students in grades three, four and five will enter through the front doors and proceed upstairs to their classrooms. Students in grades 1-5 are dismissed at **3:15**.

On behalf of the entire staff here at ISD, we are looking forward to another year filled with excitement, curiosity and community building. We wish you all a wonderful and restful end to your summer. Enjoy the last of these summer days!

Dana Firmender
Principal