



A colorful illustration of a red brick school building with a golden bell tower, a yellow school bus driving on a winding road, and autumn trees with falling leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green.

Welcome, Parents and Students!

Pleasant Grove Elementary

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Daily Schedule - Skeleton
- School Vision/Mission/Panther Pledge
- Purpose of Meet the Teacher Night
- Specials
- Website – information
- General School Information
- Attendance Tardiness/Absences
- Honey Grove before/after Care
- Data – Building Accountability



FRONT OFFICE PERSONNEL

- Principal Mr. Trael Kelly
- Assistant Principal Martha Andersen
- Instructional Coach Heather Garvey
- Secretary Kathy Springman
- Office Assistant Lisa Anderson
- Counselor Olivia Belles
- Nurse Toni Newlon

Classroom Schedule

This is what a typical day in our classroom looks like. *

Explain - Early Release Wednesdays

Timing	Activity
8:40	Breakfast Program – Parent Drop Off Opens
8:45-9:00	School starts, Attendance at 9:00
9:05	Morning Announcements
10:50– 1:00	Lunches
Specials	Specials – PE, Art, Music, Library , Tech Lab
3:40	Afternoon Announcements
3:45	School is Dismissed

Kindergarten Schedule

This is what a typical day in our Kindergarten classrooms look like.

9:20- 10:50	Literacy
10:50-11:20	Lunch
11:25-11:45	Recess
11:45-12:15	Writing
12:15-1:15	Math
1:20-1:40	Recess
1:45-2:15	Science/Social Studies
2:20-3:10	Specials
3:15-3:40	RTI - Intervention

School Vision/Mission/CARES Pledge

- **School Vision** - Reaching for personal excellence at every opportunity.
- **Mission** – “SAFE and LOVED”
- **Panther Pledge** - I am a member of the Pleasant Grove Family. I pledge to stick together and give my personal best every day. I am responsible for my learning and my behavior. I will be gentle and kind and show no hurts in my actions or words. I will be respectful to myself, others and school property. I know that I am safe and loved. I am proud to be a Pleasant Grove Panther!

Purpose of Tonight

- To seek answers to questions you have as a parent.
- Reinforce the importance of school to the students.
- To gather information on the upcoming school year.

Specials

- 5 Day Rotation (Art, Library, Music, PE, Tech Lab)
- 50 minute classes, (40 Minutes on Early Release)
- Check the Pleasant Grove website for the school calendar and the Day of Rotation.
- www.centergrove.k12.in.us/pges

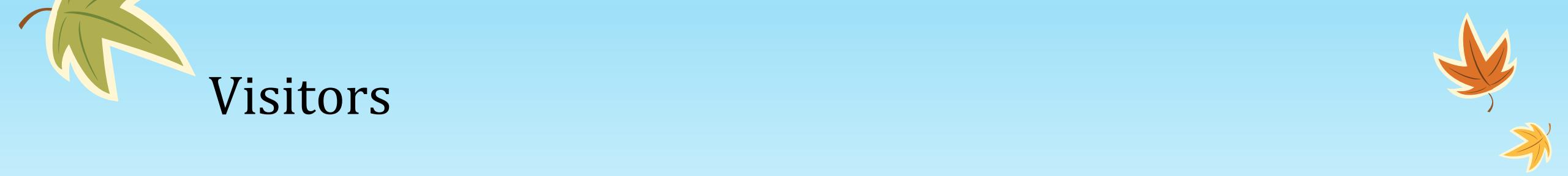
Attendance Procedures

- Illness – enter this information on the PickUp Patrol portal each day of absence.
- Tardy – A parent must come in to the office to sign a child in if arriving after 9:00 a.m.
- Release of students during the day - PickUp Patrol
 - enter any early dismissals (i.e. doctor appointments) through PickUp Patrol. Be sure to choose Early Dismissal as the option and list the time and name of person picking your child up.
 - Your student must be signed out by the parent/guardian in the main office.
 - Please update PickUp Patrol of any transportation changes prior to 2:00 p.m.
 - All parents entering the building must first report to the main office.

Last Minute Arrangements

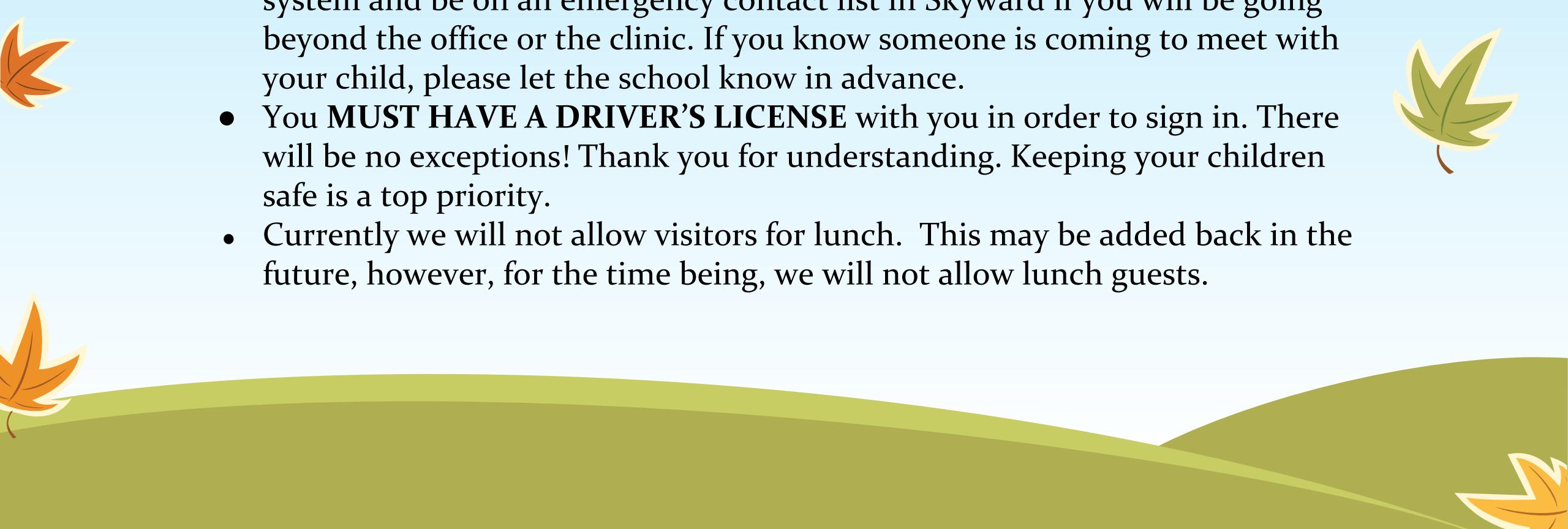
Our office staff will make every attempt to accommodate our families with last minute changes of transportation, after school plans, forgotten lunches or projects. We cannot guarantee such communications to always be successful, so please be patient and understanding.

If you are picking up your student from the main office, you must have an ID. If you need additional Car tags, please contact the main office.



Visitors

- We ask that you contact your child's teacher ahead of time if you are wanting to speak to them about your child. They will be happy to accommodate you but prefer visitors not stop by the classroom without prior notice.
- Also, remember that **EVERYONE MUST** sign in at our Lobby Guard security system and be on an emergency contact list in Skyward if you will be going beyond the office or the clinic. If you know someone is coming to meet with your child, please let the school know in advance.
- You **MUST HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE** with you in order to sign in. There will be no exceptions! Thank you for understanding. Keeping your children safe is a top priority.
- Currently we will not allow visitors for lunch. This may be added back in the future, however, for the time being, we will not allow lunch guests.





Visitors

Center Grove has modified its background check policy for building volunteers. We regularly review our policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our students and staff. For the 2022-23 school year, we will require more extensive background checks for volunteers who are in a position to spend time with a student without a teacher or staff member present. While we do not want to discourage any parent from volunteering in our schools, we feel this change is necessary for our students' safety.

Volunteers who would need the broader check include the following:

1. Any person who will be in a position to supervise students without direct supervision of a teacher – this includes but is not limited to field trip chaperones, tutors, music lesson tutors, athletic volunteers, or any volunteer who takes a group of students out of a classroom for groups or activities
2. Any person who will be alone with students

*Parents who come in to have lunch with their student (if allowed in the future) would not be required to have a background check.

[Click here for a link to the background check website.](#)

Because this background check is more extensive, the cost is higher for the school district. Each volunteer will be charged \$12.95 for the cost of the check. These checks will be active for two years. **If the cost is a financial hardship, please speak to a building administrator or counselor.** We appreciate the valuable time our parents spend in our schools and encourage anyone who has the time to volunteer.

Lunch

- Students have a choice of eating lunch or bringing lunch from home
 - Please do not pack fast food or sodas in a lunch from home.
- Students are given a lunch card {August} and then will have a pin code to purchase lunch with.
- Lunch is 30 minutes long and we have lunch supervisors in the cafeteria during that time.

Celebrations

- Center Grove district policy no longer allows food to celebrate birthdays
- Please check with individual teachers as to how they would like to celebrate in the classroom
- This information is listed in the student handbook.

Transportation

- ONLY school buses may use the front drive during the usual arrival and dismissal times. After buses arrive, students will be dismissed from the buses at 8:45 and proceed to their classrooms.
- Honey Grove Before/After Care – hosted at Pleasant Grove.
- <http://www.honeygroveeducation.com/>

Think Sheets and Positive Points

- Think Sheets
- Positive points –
- Utilizing Skyward to access information

PTO

- Meetings are the first Monday of each month in the PGES library at 7:00 pm.
- We are in need of new parents.
- The first group to know what is going on and direct access to the principal.
- Fundraisers vs Philanthropies

Homework

- Read every night.
- “Research shows that a student’s academic ability is directly proportional to their independent reading level”
- Never spend more than an hour. Avoid confrontation with your child about homework.
- Ask the teacher if you have a concern. You may find out information about what is going on at school.

Cell Phone Policy

Pleasant Grove operates as a non-cell phone possession school.

In the need of an emergency, phones are available in each classroom and throughout the building.

Parents are asked to help in this endeavor. Special circumstances must be pre-approved by the building principal or assistant principal on an annual basis.

Parent Drop Off -

Pleasant Grove Elementary Parent Drop-Off 8:45-9:00 a.m.

1. Parents will enter using the Middle School North entrance next to the Fire Station.
2. Cars will line up using the alternative Middle School North lane and drive towards PGES.
3. Cars should wait below the red line to allow buses room for dismissal.
4. Upon bus dismissal, cars will pull up to DOOR 2 (Kindergarten hallway) and students will dismiss on the driver's side of curb. We will dismiss approximately 10 cars at a time.
5. Drivers will exit using the Pleasant Grove Elementary main drive.

Parent Pick Up

Pleasant Grove Elementary Parent Pick-Up 3:45 p.m.

1. Vehicles should access the Middle School North entrance next to the Fire Station.
2. Cars will line up using the alternative Middle School North lane and drive towards PGES.
3. Cars should wait below the listed red line to allow buses room for dismissal.
4. Upon bus dismissal, cars will pull up to DOOR 1 - the main entrance.
5. Parents will display their laminated family number (car tag) on their rearview mirror of their vehicle. We will dismiss 5 cars at a time
6. Students will be dismissed by radio from the cafeteria to the vehicle



Parent Drop off/Pick Up



Here Comes the Bus App

Download the App

Insert the school corporation code - 74644

Pick-up Patrol - Parent Square

More information is being sent tomorrow in an email



Additional Questions?



email

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Let's Have a
Great Year!