

First Dragon Fire Newsletter from Jill Ballie:

Dragon Fire

Back-to-School Edition

August 14, 2023

Dear Parents,

Enjoy the last bits of summer and everything it has to offer because school begins in a couple of weeks. Thank you for the warm welcome and I am looking forward to meeting you all at Back-to-School night.

Listed below is essential information to help us all prepare for the school year ahead. Please read the email carefully. It is important we all hear the same information.

Bell Schedule

8:45 First bell

8:50 Late bell

10:30 AM Recess

bell

2:15 PM Recess

Bell

3:15 Dismissal

bell

Importance of Attendance and Punctuality

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. Research shows that student attendance is a strong predictor for student achievement as early as elementary school.

Students are developing attendance habits as young as five years old. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time, ready to learn.

Drop Off and Pickup-Safety First

Attached are two maps. The first map gives a detailed map of the flow pattern for drop off and pickup. It is of utmost importance that we all follow this pattern as there have been serious safety issues in the past when parents do not follow the guidelines.

The second image is a picture of the cross walk on Westminster. We are doing everything we can to improve safety measures for all the children who use the crosswalks in our area. This crosswalk has often been blocked by parked cars and students are unable to cross safely.

Unfortunately, a student was hit at this crosswalk a couple of years ago and a child killed at the crosswalk last year on 1300 South. Let us work together to keep our students safe.

Lunch Money Deposit

There are two ways to deposit money into your child's account if they will be eating school lunch:

- 1) Pay Carolyn Billings at the Front Office with a check or cash ONLY. We do not accept credit cards.
- 2) Pay online by creating an account. Follow this link to enroll.

<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>

Class Placement Process and Class Change Policy

The classroom placement process is complex, and many factors impact the decision-making process. We strive to create and maintain classroom environments that are warm, structured, nurturing, caring, supportive, and challenging for every child while considering parent's request.

Our staff takes class placement seriously. We assure you that each grade level team (with assistance of specialists, counselor, guidance team, etc.) take much time, effort and care in developing class rosters that result in offering all children a quality educational experience. We, as a rule, do not change classes. If you have an issue with your placement, please give your assigned teacher a chance to show their skill set.

Importance of Parent Involvement-How to Get Involved

I have met with all the teachers, and they believe Dilworth has the best community! One factor consistently mentioned in our meetings was how thankful they were for the parent volunteers. Our PTA encourages you all to get involved in some way whether it be in school or helping with projects at home.

Please contact our PTA presidents if you would like more information about how you can help.

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Follow us on Instagram and Facebook

I will start consistently posting about notable events and school happenings on Instagram and Facebook. Follow us!

Facebook-Dilworth Elementary-Salt Lake City

Instagram-dilworth-slcsd

Upcoming Important Events

Registration for 2023-2024 School Year

You should have received a letter from the front office informing you about the registration process. Call Carolyn at the front office if you have any issues registering, 801-481-4806.

Class Lists Reveal

The front office will post class lists on August 18 at 4:00 PM-5:00 PM in the main hall of Dilworth.

Students Meet the Teachers and the Principal, Monday, August 21 from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. After, stop by the gym for a popsicle with the principal.

Back-to-School-Night, Thursday, August 24 from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

This event is for parents only. You will rotate through your child's classroom to learn about expectations for the academic year. Listed below is the schedule:

Lower Grades K-3 Teacher Presentations 5:30-6:00 PM

Principal and PTA Welcome 6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Upper Grades 4-6 Teacher Presentations 6:30 PM-7:00 PM

Looking forward to a productive year.

Jill Baillie, Principal

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