



# BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS 2024-2025

*"What starts here, changes the world!"*



Welcome to Silverlake Elementary and the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to have you and your child(ren) as a part of our Star family. By working together, we will ensure that every student has a safe and successful year at Silverlake. We welcome you to visit our school, and we want you to contact us with any questions you may have.

## SILVERLAKE FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Principal:	Stacie VanLoenen
Asst Principal:	Debbie Brown
Counselor:	TBD
Nurse:	Katherine Snell
Secretary:	Sherri George
Registrar:	Julie Venske
Receptionist:	Angelica Guerra
Telephone:	713-436-8000
Fax:	713-436-8008
Mascot:	Star
Colors:	Blue & Silver

## SCHOOL HOURS

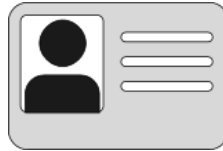
Grades PK-4.....	7:55 AM – 3:15 PM
Front Doors Open.....	7:15 AM
Breakfast Served.....	7:15 am – 7:50 AM
Students Enter Class.....	7:45 AM
Class Begins.....	7:55 AM

***\*Students must be inside the building by 7:55 AM. Students entering the building after this time will be tardy. If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come into the lobby to sign them in.***

## SILVERLAKE STUDENT PLEDGE

**Climb high!  
Climb far!  
Your goal the sky  
Your aim the stars!**

## VISITORS & SAFETY



**ALL visitors must check in with a current Driver's License and receive a Visitor Tag at the Front Office** before going to any other areas of the building. The Visitor Tag must always be worn the entire time you are on campus.

Classroom visits will be permitted with the principal's and teacher's prior approval. Teacher conferences will need to be scheduled during the teacher's conference time.

We appreciate your time and understanding when you visit Silverlake and are required to show identification. The process takes only a few seconds and is well worth the safety of all our children.

## ATTENDANCE

School attendance is critical for the quality of your child's education. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning opportunities. Should it be necessary for your child to miss a day of school, you must submit your child's absence online or send a written and signed note stating the reason for the child's absence **within 3 days of the absence** with the information listed below.

- **Student's first and last legal name**
- **Grade Level**
- **Student ID #**
- **Specific dates of the absence**
- **Specific reason for the absence**
- **Parent signature**

If a doctor's note is submitted, please make sure that it covers **ALL** days of the absence. If not, please send an accompanying parent note with the above-listed information. Emails will no longer be accepted.

Students are required to attend class 90% of the time it is offered to be able to receive credit and be promoted to the next grade level. All absences, regardless of excused or unexcused, including leaving early and coming in late, count towards the **90% rule**.

Please help make your child's education a top priority by building a habit of daily attendance.

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## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL



**Car Riders** – Parents will receive 2 Silverlake car placards on the first day of school. If your family needs more than 2, you can stop by the front office for additional placards at any time. Students will be called to their cars during dismissal using their name/grade. Car riders are defined as children whose parents remain in the car throughout the drop off and pick-up procedures. Please do not park or drop off from the street. Car traffic is heavy and unpredictable at dismissal time, making it very unsafe.

- **Car Rider Arrival:** Car riders can be dropped off in the **front driveway** beginning at **7:15 a.m.** Please do not drop off students earlier than 7:15 a.m. because there will be no supervision for your child before this time. We have a lot of car riders at Silverlake. **To avoid long lines, we recommend arriving prior to 7:40.** To help alleviate our heaviest traffic times, parents arriving between 7:40 and 7:55 may drop their child(ren) off at either the front drive or the cafeteria/bus drive.
- **Car Rider Dismissal:** **Car rider dismissal will be in the cafeteria/bus drive.** Beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school, a car rider placard must be shown to the staff member calling names. Cars that do not have the Silverlake placard will need to park and report to the front office to get your placard.

**Walkers/Bike Riders** – Walkers and bike riders are defined as children who walk/ride their bikes to and from school property and home. Walkers and bike riders are to stay on the sidewalks at all times and should only cross the street where a crossing guard is located. Parents should not park across the street from the school and have students walk to the cars. **All walkers and bike riders will be required to have a Walker Acknowledgement signed and on file with the school.**

- **Walker/Bike Rider Arrival:** Students eating breakfast should arrive between 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. Bike riders are encouraged to lock up their bikes to the bike rack.
- **Walker/Bike Rider Dismissal:** Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed before our car riders begin loading. We have two options for walker/bike rider dismissal. Those students needing to cross County Rd. 90 to get home, will be designated **Northfork Walkers**. Those students who will remain on County Rd. 90, heading toward Summeewind/518/CVS, will be designated as **Summerwind Walkers**. **Parents who wish to meet their walker/bike rider will wait for them in the location designated on the Dismissal Map.** All walkers and bike riders will be released, whether parents are or are not meeting their children.

**Bus Transportation** – The opportunity to ride a Pearland ISD school bus is a privilege and certain expectations for appropriate conduct have been established to ensure the safety of all the students. Parents will be notified of any student who does not follow the bus rules. Students are allowed to ride their regular bus only. They may not ride home with a friend. **Students in PreK and Kindergarten will only be released from the bus to an approved adult using their child's unique PIN# provided by the parents at the time of registration.**



Scan the QR Code to view our 2024-2025 Arrival & Dismissal Maps!

## CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of dismissal transportation can cause confusion for children. **Emergency** situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. *If there is a change in how your child will go home, please notify the teacher in writing. If advance notice is not possible, phone calls advising the office of transportation changes must be called in no later than 2:30pm. Students' dismissal transportation will not be changed after 2:30pm unless approved by an administrator.*

## EARLY PICK-UP



To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child up early for an after-school doctor's appointment, etc., should do so by 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!

## PICKING UP STUDENTS

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show appropriate identification to school officials.

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## THURSDAY FOLDERS

Thursday has been designated as the day that all student work, campus and district level information, and other important messages will be sent home. Please check and read over the material and sign and return all necessary items to school. Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.





## STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats for the class to celebrate their birthday (**or 1/2 birthday**). Birthday treats will be shared with your child's class either at recess or at the end of the school day. Your child's teacher will communicate when they prefer to celebrate birthdays. Teachers appreciate it when parents send in treats that are single servings (cupcakes, cookies, donuts, etc...) because they are easier to distribute.

**Half Birthdays: June/December, July/January, August/February**

Birthday invitations may be sent home from school if every student in the class (or every boy/girl) is receiving an invitation.



Nurse Snell is excited to begin her 4<sup>th</sup> year at Silverlake! She wants to encourage you to visit the district Health Services information using the QR code below. If you have any questions for her, please email her at [snellk@pearlandisd.org](mailto:snellk@pearlandisd.org).

Students at Silverlake are not allowed to carry any medications with them. All medications must be brought to the clinic with a note from the parent.

All student immunizations must be current. If an updated immunization is needed you will be notified. Kindergarteners and Pre-Kindergarteners should be fully immunized before the start of school. Please send a copy of any updates to the clinic.



## CAFETERIA INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

**Breakfast \$1.45** (\$0.30 Reduced)

**Lunch \$2.50** (\$0.40 Reduced)

- Money can be easily added to your child's account for additional items they wish to purchase at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com).
- We welcome lunch visitors at Silverlake beginning Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. (*We are closed to lunch visitors the first few weeks of school. This time is used for teaching routines, procedures, and expectations for the cafeteria.*)
  - All visitors will check in at the front reception desk with a photo ID.
  - We suggest that you arrive early to ensure that you are ready at your child's lunch time.
  - Visitors are welcome to bring in lunch for themselves and their Silverlake Star, however students can still purchase a meal from the cafeteria when they have guests. If a cafeteria lunch is needed, the student will get their lunch from the cafeteria line and meet their lunch guest in the old gym.
  - We ask that lunch visitors refrain from taking additional students to the old gym.
  - Please say your goodbyes in the old gym at the end of your child's lunch time. Visitors should not walk back to the classroom with the class but should report directly to the front office to check out.
  - **Closed Campus Days:** *There will be a limited number of days when we will be closed to lunch visitors due to testing, etc... These days will be communicated well in advance through the Star Statement.*
  - If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please make sure you have it here early so that we have time to get the lunch to your child.

### **Silverlake Vision Statement**

Silverlake Elementary will empower our students to embrace challenges and prepare them to be innovative forward thinkers.

### **Silverlake Mission Statement**

Silverlake provides a safe learning environment where students develop intellectually, emotionally and socially.

### **Silverlake Motto**

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