



August 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome back our Postma Pumas to a newly renovated building on August 19, 2024 for a very exciting school year. Not only have the construction crews been busy, our staff has spent many hours learning about curriculum updates and additional teaching strategies to help our Pumas to continue growing and learning. It is going to be a great year!

← · Learning is a journey that never ends! · →

NEW HOURS:

We have new school hours this year. Our official hours are 8:15am - 3:40pm. Our doors will open each morning at 7:50am to welcome students. Attendance will be taken at 10:13am. Learning begins at 8:15 each day.

MEET THE TEACHER:

We can't wait to see our Pumas on August 15th for Meet the Teacher! This is a come and go event from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Not only will families be able to meet their students' teacher, but also see our newly renovated building, have questions answered about transportation, pick up car rider tags, and purchase spirit items from our PTO. You can also drop off school supplies. Parents will begin receiving calls and/or emails from their student's new teacher on August 14th introducing themselves with a special invite to Meet the Teacher.

FIRST DAY:

Consistency is important for students to build routines. We ask that you start the school year with your typical arrival and dismissal plan. Your child's safety is our top priority. CFISD and Postma have worked diligently to ensure that our campus has systems in place to support our Pumas and keep them safe. On the first day of school, parents will not be permitted to enter the building. We have created special systems on campus to support our youngest Pumas as they learn to navigate the building. We will have staff members to greet and help students to their classrooms. Safety is first at Postma!

TRANSPORTATION FOR 2024-2025:

There are significant changes to **bus transportation** for the upcoming school year as the district has adopted a new transportation plan. Please visit the district website and click on the "Bus Information" section to verify bus transportation. Also included are the links:

[Transportation - Parent Letter - Cypress Fairbanks ISD](#): For detailed information and to see how these changes might affect your student

[My Ride K-12](#): To confirm bus eligibility

With the changes in bus service, we anticipate an increase in car riders and walkers/bikers. The **car rider** line will remain the same from last year. Our car rider staff will begin opening car doors at 7:50am until 8:15am. If you arrive after this time, please park, escort your student into the building and sign them in at the front office. If your student will be a car rider for dismissal, please complete this [Car Rider google form](#) prior to Meet the Teacher.

You will have the opportunity to pick up a car rider tag at Meet the Teacher on August 15th from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. If you are unable to attend Meet the Teacher, or did not receive a tag at Meet the Teacher, please write your child's first and last name in **LARGE** print on the dashboard of your car. We will send your new Car Rider Tag home with your child on the first day, or once registration is complete. [Here](#) you will find more information for Car Riders. Please be patient as we practice procedures and safety. Pack your patience and a snack the first week of school. The car rider line is very long and we always put safety first.

If your student is not eligible for bus service and will be a **walker/biker**, our campus will provide crossing guards at the south intersection of West and Greenhouse (at the light). Crossing guards will be stationed from 7:50am - 8:13am each morning, as well as every afternoon at dismissal to assist students and families with crossing Greenhouse Rd. Students that are in PK and Kinder will only be released to a parent/guardian, older sibling and/or an appointed person by the parent/guardian. Walker/Biker permission forms will be completed at Meet the Teacher. If your student is riding a bike, it is highly suggested that you provide a bike lock, and take time to practice locking the bike on the bike rack. If your student will be a walker/biker, please be sure to stop at the "Walker/Biker" table at Meet the Teacher for the permission form, specific directions and an opportunity to answer questions related to walkers and bikers.

Pets should be on a leash at all times and should not be past the bike rack or electronic marquee. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this practice.

If "Inclement Weather Dismissal" is called, a message will be sent via School Messenger. Students will be dismissed as normal if we are experiencing light rain showers. If "Inclement Weather Dismissal" is called, parents of walkers/bikers will pick up students in the Car Rider line or may pick up students from the front doors AFTER the Car Rider Line has cleared. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPDATING COMMUNICATION FOR 2024-2025:

Please complete the Annual Student Update located in the [CFISD Home Access Center](#). It is very important that we have a current email address and phone number on file. All information is updated online through the Home Access Center.

ID BADGES:

ID Badges will be placed on each student's backpack using a campus provided lanyard. Please do not remove this lanyard and/or badge. The badges are part of our safety protocols, necessary for students at breakfast and to enter and exit the bus. If a badge is misplaced or lost, the replacement fee will be added to your student's School Cash account.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

School Supply Lists can be found on the Postma webpage. Click [here](#) to find the school supply list for each grade level. Parents may bring school supplies to Meet the Teacher or send them with students on the first day. We will have a drop-off location for school supplies at the front of the school. If you are dropping off school supplies, label the supplies with your child's first/last name and homeroom teacher's name. If your child is a bus rider, you may send the supplies a little at a time each day. Supplies purchased from PTO will be delivered directly to your child's classroom on Friday, August 16th. We are requesting that parents send a light jacket and water bottle to school each day. **Label water bottles and jackets with your child's first and last name.** Water bottle filling stations are available for students to use.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH:

If you think that your child may qualify for benefits for free/reduced lunch, we encourage you to fill out an application for meal benefits. This application can be filled out electronically at [schoolcafe.com](#) (users will need to sign into an existing School Cafe account or create a new one). **Applications need to be filled out each school year**, and we encourage you to fill out this year's application now. It will also determine the eligibility for school meals during the

first 30 school days of the school year 2024-2025. It takes approximately two weeks to determine eligibility. Click [here](#) to access the online food services webpage to find breakfast and lunch menus and deposit money into your child's lunch account.

The cafeteria serves **breakfast** daily from 7:50am - 8:15am. Students that arrive via car rider, walker/biker after 8:15 will go directly to class. Car riders, walkers and bikers must arrive prior to 8:15 in order to eat breakfast at school. All bus riders will be allowed to eat breakfast once arriving at Postma.

Due to kitchen renovations, **lunch visitors** are on hold at this time. Communication will be sent home via school messenger once a date for lunch visitors has been determined. We appreciate your patience as we work through the kitchen renovations. Once lunch visitors begin, our Kindergarten through 5th grade parents will be notified and a Sign Up Genius will be sent out the Friday prior to each week via School Messenger, and will be posted on the Postma Website. More information will be shared once a date for lunch visitors has been determined. Lunch visitors are invited on campus on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. We will not be able to accommodate lunch deliveries. The grade level lunch schedule is below:

Grade Level	Lunch Time
K	11:50 - 12:20
1	11:15 - 11:45
2	10:45 - 11:15
3	12:50 - 1:20
4	12:20 - 12:50
5	1:20 - 1:50

DROP OFFS/VISITORS:

We will accept deliveries to the nurse for glasses and medication. If your child forgets their lunch at home, they will be allowed to go through the lunch line, or you may bring it during their scheduled lunch time ONLY.

DISTRICT ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS:

Students are expected to maintain their District issued device with care. Students that need their device serviced by a technician will turn in a LTE 1:1 ticket request. Directions can be found [here](#). Information regarding replacement fees for lost or damaged devices can be found [here](#). Students should bring their devices to school fully charged each day, beginning with the first day of school August 19, 2024.

SUPPORT POSTMA AND PTO:

Do you want to be a volunteer? Do you want to order your child a Postma Spirit Shirt? Get all of the latest PTO information on the [Postma PTO Website!](#) Join the Postma PTO and help us make Postma a great place for our students!

I am thrilled to be serving as the new principal at Postma. The staff is excited to be back and do what we love to do, which is teach and love kids. If there is anything you need, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We Just Can't Hide Our Puma Pride!

 *Tracy Barstow*
Principal