



Pre-Kindergarten Parent Information Session

January 14, 2025





Welcome families! We look forward to meeting you and your child!

We've put together this presentation to offer a glimpse of Falmouth Elementary School and our Pre-K program.

There's a lot to take in, especially for our "first time" families. Take a look, and feel free to reach out with any questions.



Timeline for Families

- Pre-Registration for lottery: January 15 - 29
- Lottery Notification: January 31
- Complete Registration: February 21
 - Proof of residency
 - Birth certificate
 - Schedule date for Pre-K screening
- Pre-K Screening: May 8 and 9
- Screening Results: June
- Tentative Class Placement: Late June
- Meet and Greet: Late summer, prior to the first day of Pre-K
- Final Class Placement: By October 15



Lottery Information

Falmouth Public Schools holds a random lottery for Pre-K enrollment due to the high demand for the program.

If a child has a twin or same-age sibling who is pulled in the lottery, we will also place their twin/same-age sibling.

If a student is not initially chosen in the lottery, they will be placed on a waitlist. If another student drops out or does not register in time, another student will be moved off the waitlist.

We will notify parents/guardians by email on January 31st about their child's Pre-K status

Pre-Kindergarten Screening

Screening appointments are opportunities to get baseline information on incoming students. It is a requirement for all students to participate.

Your child will participate in a variety of station activities, including letters, sounds, numbers, motor skills, concepts and language.

During your child's screening appointment you will meet with our school counselor to discuss your child's transition to Pre-K.

You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom on our August Meet and Greet date. You will also have the opportunity to ride the bus with your child around the campus.



2024-2025 School Calendar

[Click to view the full calendar.](#)

Please make note of early dismissal dates, school vacation weeks and holidays.

FALMOUTH NAVIGATORS

Falmouth Public Schools
Academic Calendar 2024-2025

AUGUST

- 20 New Teacher Orientation
- 21 Optional Professional Learning
- 22 Teacher Leaders
- 23, 26, 27 Teacher Inservice
- 28 1st Day of School - Gr 1-5, 6, 9
- 29 1st Day of School - Gr K, 7-8, 10-12
- 30 No School

August 2024						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
				1	2	
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

(15 student days)

SEPTEMBER

- 2 No School - Holiday
- 3 1st Day of School - PreK
- 18 Early Release - Students

September 2024						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30						

(20 student days)

OCTOBER

- 11 No School - Teacher Inservice Day
- 14 No School - Holiday
- 23 Early Release - Students

October 2024						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4		
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30	31			

(16 student days)

NOVEMBER

- 5 No School - Conferences
- 11 No School - Holiday
- 20 Early Release - Students
- 27-29 No School - Holiday Break

November 2024						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
4	5	6	7	8		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		
25	26	27	28	29		

(16 student days)

DECEMBER

- 11 Early Release - Students
- 23-31 No School - Holiday Break

December 2024						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30	31					

(15 student days)

JANUARY

- 1 No School - Holiday
- 15 Early Release - Students
- 20 No School - Holiday

January 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	1	2	3			
6	7	8	9	10		
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24		
27	28	29	30	31		

(21 student days)

FEBRUARY 2025

M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		

(15 student days)

MARCH 2025

M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		
31						

(20 student days)

APRIL 2025

M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4		
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30				

(16 student days)

FEBRUARY

- 5 Early Release - Students
- 17-21 No School - Winter Break

MARCH

- 5 Early Release - Students
- 14 No School - Teacher Inservice
- 19 Early Dismissal - Conferences

APRIL

- 2 Early Release - Students
- 18-25 No School - Spring Break

MAY

- 14 Early Release - Students
- 28 No School - Holiday

JUNE

- 12 Last Student Day *
- 19 No School - Holiday

* Each canceled day adds one day

- No School for Students or Staff
- No School for Students - Teacher Inservice
- No School for Students - Full Day Conferences
- Early Release for Students
- Early Dismissal - Conferences
- First Day of School
- Last Day of School *

Teacher Days Not on Calendar

- 2 - conference days (14 hrs)
- 1 - professional learning (PLT) day (7 hrs)

176 - Student Days

- 5 - Teacher Professional Development Days
- 1 - Conference Day

Attendance Matters!

School hours are from 8:50AM to 3:05PM. Doors open at 8:30am for drop offs. Parents picking up should plan to arrive after 2:45PM.

Regular, ontime attendance improves stamina, academic support, and social/peer connections!



Meet Our Pre-K Team!



Mrs. Burns



Ms. Cote



Dr. Kaszubinski

More FES Helpers You'll Meet Along the Way



Mrs. Mitchell



Miss. Audrey



Ms. Bethany



Mrs. N



Ms. Naomi



Mrs. Grimshaw



Ms. Foye

There are many more helpers supporting Pre K'ers at Falmouth Elementary School, including our Custodians and Kitchen Staff.

Our Mission



Navigating Creative Pathways to Courageous, Compassionate, and Fulfilling Lives

At Falmouth Elementary school, student learning and safety are the highest priority. All students will have opportunities to engage in meaningful instruction to develop their diverse skills and reach their fullest learning potential. We are committed to fostering a learning community that is supportive, respectful and flexible to consistently meet the needs of all students so they are navigating creative pathways to courageous, compassionate and fulfilling lives.

FALMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our Student Navigators are:

Safe
Respectful
Responsible

In order to build a caring community

A Pre-Kindergarten Day

We have created a Pre-K program that is safe, nurturing and educational. Throughout the day, activities strike a balance to promote developmentally- appropriate instruction, with lots of movement activities, play opportunities, hands on/experiential learning practice, life skills-development, and rest/recharge breaks.

Using a variety of instructional strategies focused on the Whole Child, allows teachers to meet students' unique academic, social and emotional needs.



Our Pre-K Classroom



Transportation

As a school, our number one priority is keeping students safe. That includes their transportation to and from our buildings each day. The Transportation Department has published routes and start times on the website.

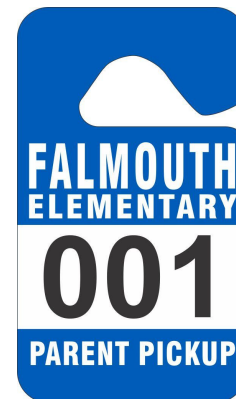
Pick-up Patrol: Our school uses **PickUp Patrol** for parents to report absences, tardies, and communicate dismissal plan changes. **Notes, emails or phone calls will not be accepted for changes, except in emergencies**

For those families preferring to transport, please park in the front parking lot after 8:30 and walk your child to the side entrance/gym entrance door, which is by the modular.

Drive Up: Pick-up in the afternoon will be on the Garden side of the building and you will not need to get out of your vehicle for pick up.

Walk Up: Pick-up in the afternoon will be at the gym doors.

Please do not arrive to line up until after 3:00 and have your car tag!



Transportation - **Important Reminder!**

For our Pre-K and Kindergarten bus riders, District policy states that Bus Drivers must see an adult at the bus stop to safely receive your child. If a parent or designated caretaker isn't present at the bus stop, Pre-Kindergarteners will remain on the bus and will be returned to school. Parents or emergency contacts will then be notified to pick up.



Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks

For our Pre-K students, your child can participate in the school breakfast & lunch program, or some families opt to pack a lunch from home.

Snacks (AM and PM): Teachers ask parents that are able to, to send a reusable water bottle and a snack(s) every day for your child. Please do not send candy or sugary drinks.



Recess

We love to play outside!

Students will be going out for recess twice daily, weather permitting. Indoor recess activities will be offered in the event of downpour rain or freezing temperatures.




Family Communication

- Weekly newsletters
- Weekly Principal Notes (via email) and also available on our website:
falmouthschools.org
- Your classroom teacher will be updating you on additional communication options next fall.

[View in browser](#)


FALMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Notes - January 10, 2025



DATES TO REMEMBER

UA SCHEDULE

	MON 1/13 Day 3	TUE 1/14 Day 4	WED 1/15 Early Release	THU 1/16 Day 5	FRI 1/17 Day 1
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UPCOMING DATES

Early Release-Wednesday, Jan. 15th. FES students dismissed at noon.
No School-Monday, Jan. 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Safety & Security

- For the safety of our students and staff, all entrances to our school are secured from the outside.
- Parents needing to have their children dismissed will be required to check in at the front entrance, and show identification. Students will then be retrieved and escorted to meet you. District staff are expected to wear identification badges at all times.
- Specific safety plans are in place in each building, and those plans are practiced and reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- Fire drills and lockdown drills to secure the building will be conducted throughout the school year. These necessary safety precautions are intended to assist students and staff to respond appropriately and safely to emergency situations.
- As part of your child's registration, parents sign up for communication via phone calls, text message and/or email notifications. **It is critical that parents notify the school with any phone number, address or emergency contact information changes.** This same system is how families are notified of any unexpected school cancellations or delayed starts.

Helpful Hints To Prepare Your Child For Pre-K!

- Bathroom independence
- Clothing and coats
- Backpacks
- Snacks
- Wiping up spills
- Holding writing tools
- Read, Read, Read!
- Sing and Nursery Rhymes
- Counting throughout the day - trip to the grocery store
- Play groups: playground, games, turn taking, sharing



FALMOUTH

43° 44' N 70° 16' W

NAVIGATORS



Resources

[Our FES School Website](#)

[PreK For ME \(curriculum\)](#)