

dismissed at 2:05pm.

- **August 27:** 9:20-10:00am - PTA Welcome Coffee in NW Commons. All Families are welcome; we encourage you to come make new parent connections and learn about PTA volunteer opportunities.
- **September 2:** First Day of School for ALL Early Childhood Special Education Program
- **September 2-4:** Kindergarten WA-Kids Conferences by appointment. **No school for the kindergarten students.** *Kindergarten families will receive an email on August 29th to make their appointment.*
- **September 5:** Kindergarteners start with their classroom teachers; **NOTE: This is a full day of school for all students, K-5.**
- **September 5:** 9:30-10:00am - PTA General Membership Meeting in NW Commons.
- **September 17:** K-5 Curriculum Night & Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program Night
 - 5:00-5:45pm - 3rd-5th grade
 - 5:00-5:45pm - ECSE Program Sessions
 - 5:45-6:15pm - PARENTsquare Training for NW Families
 - 6:15-7:00pm - K-2nd Grade
- **September 25:** 5:00-7:00pm NW PTA Back to School Family Social
- **October 16:** Mercer Island School District New Families Event, 6:00-7:30pm at Islander Middle School

Getting to School

One of the advantages of a neighborhood school is the possibility of walking to school. If you haven't already done so, please review the information about getting to school on our Northwood website, found on the [Safe Walking Information](#) page. We have posted information about designated safe walking routes, recommendations for teaching your children safe walking skills, and recommended driving routes if you choose to drive to drop-off & pick-up your child by car. Please also see the [Northwood Parent Student Handbook](#) for information about our car loop pick up and drop off procedures. *Please use only the curbside lane for student drop-off and pick-up.*

If your family lives in a neighborhood served by our school buses, please contact the [Transportation Department](#) with any questions about bus routes, times, or other topics. The transportation department will be offering new access to all parents through an online portal and if your student qualifies for transportation they will send you an email to electronically sign up for transportation. Thank you for your patience.

Where Does My Child Line Up at the Start of the Day?

We have designated locations under the covered area of the playground for each classroom to line up outside the school building each morning. The start of each line is marked by a painted classroom number on the concrete. When the bell rings at 9:15am, teachers will meet their students at these locations and walk them into their classrooms. On the first day of school, signs with teacher names will help children find their classroom line. **Parents and caregivers should say goodbye at the top of the stairs.** Only students should proceed down the stairs to line up.

Please note that there is no outside playground supervision before 9:00am and, for safety