

Fairport Harbor Schools: New School Opening Day

Effective Date: January 13, 2026

We want to share an important update regarding McKinley Elementary's move to the new campus. Students will now begin classes in the new building when they return from Winter Break, rather than at the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

Our current facilities have served the community well for many years, but they are showing their age—particularly heating and maintenance. Moving into the new building midyear will ensure students and staff can benefit from a more comfortable, reliable, and modern learning environment as soon as possible.

We understand this change may require adjustments to your family's routine, and we truly appreciate your flexibility and support during this transition. Thank you for your continued partnership as we take this exciting next step for McKinley Elementary and our district community.

Fairport Harbor Schools is excited to announce the grand opening of our New PK–12 Campus.. This transition brings both Harding Middle/High School (Grades 6–12) and McKinley Elementary School (Grades K–5) under one roof, offering modern facilities, improved learning environments, and streamlined operations.

Temporary Parking & Traffic Plan

To support the transition, the current **football field** will be converted into a **temporary parking lot**. The goal is to ease traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal.

- **Staff & Visitor Parking:**
Designated areas will be marked in the temporary lot. Permanent parking structures will be completed in a later phase.

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Harding Middle/High School (Grades 6–12)- January 13, 2026, First day back from break.

- **Building Opens for Students:** 7:15 AM
(Breakfast available upon entry)
- **Class Start Time:** 7:35 AM **Dismissal:** 2:16 PM
- **Lunch:** Staggered by grade between 10:14 AM and 11:37 AM

McKinley Elementary School (Grades K–5)- January 14, 2026, First day back from break.

- **Building Opens for Breakfast:** 8:10 AM
 - Breakfast served from 8:10–8:30 AM
 - **Morning Drop-Off Reminder – Grades K–5** Students in grades **K–5** may not arrive before **8:10 a.m.** for breakfast. Staff supervision is not available prior to this time. If your child needs to be dropped off **before 8:10 a.m.**, please make arrangements through our **Latchkey program**, which provides before and after-school supervised care.
- **Tardy Bell / Instruction Begins:** 8:30 AM
- **Lunch & Recess:** Staggered by grade between 11:35 AM and 12:50 PM
- **Dismissal Times:**
 - Car Riders:** 2:45 PM
 - **Preschool Walkers:** 2:55 PM
 - **All Other Walkers:** 3:00 PM
 - To help keep dismissal safe and avoid traffic congestion, please **do not line up or arrive before 2:35 p.m.** Early arrivals cause backups and make the Harding students' dismissal process difficult.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and safe dismissal process for all students.

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Temporary Parking & Traffic Plans

Below is the Parking & Traffic Map for Grades K-5








K-5 PARKING & TRAFFIC MAP



*All traffic flowing through Third and Vine Street is one way only

KEY

-  K-5 STUDENT DROPOFF/PICKUP
-  LATCHKEY AND PRESCHOOL ONLY
-  STUDENT ENTRANCE
-  STUDENT FOOT TRAFFIC
-  FLOW OF TRAFFIC

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🚧 Temporary Parking & Traffic Plan

Below is the Parking & Traffic Map for Grades 6-12



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**6-12 PARKING
& TRAFFIC MAP**



*All traffic flowing through Plum Street is one way only

KEY

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 6-12 STUDENT DROPOFF/PICKUP | LATCHKEY AND PRESCHOOL ONLY | STUDENT ENTRANCE |
| STUDENT FOOT TRAFFIC | ENTERING TRAFFIC | EXITING TRAFFIC |

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McKinley Elementary Latchkey (Grades K–5)

Morning Latchkey: 6:30 am to 8:30 am (start of school day) - Enter/Exit at the designated drop-off/pick-up location.

Afternoon Latchkey End of school day 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm -Enter/Exit at the designated drop-off/pick-up location.



Preschool Restart Plan

The **Preschool Restart Plan** will be released in a future update. We are finalizing age-appropriate procedures, arrival and dismissal logistics, classroom transitions, and state permitting/ licensing (which is independent of a K-12 school).



What Families Can Do to Prepare:

- Review new **traffic flow maps and signage**.
 - Talk with your children about the **new schedule and routines**.
 - To streamline scheduling across the new campus, McKinley Elementary has aligned its calendar with Harding Middle/High School's.. This includes school holidays, early release days, and professional development days. See attached calendar [HERE](#) to review.
 - Attend the upcoming Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on December 9, 2025, at 3:30 pm, followed by guided tours from 4 pm to 5:30 pm.
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Orientation Schedule by Grade Level

Students and their families will be given a scheduled time to visit the new school, explore their classrooms, and get a feel for the building. Below is the timeline organized by grade level.

We understand that not everyone will be able to attend, and that's perfectly okay. This schedule was created to align with staff availability and the weekly building arrangements

January 8, 2026

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM: Kindergarten and Grade 1
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM: Grade 2 and Grade 3
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM: Grade 4 and Grade 5
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM: Grade 6 and Grade 7
- 1:00 -2:00 PM All Grades Special Unit Classrooms

January 9, 2026

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM: Grade 8 and Grade 9
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM: Grade 10 and Grade 11
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM: Grade 12
- 1:00 - 2:00 All Grades Special Unit Classrooms

We appreciate your flexibility, patience, and continued partnership as we begin this exciting new chapter. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your building principal or the district office.

Let's make this move a success — **Go Skippers!**



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