



Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Riverside! We are so excited to welcome your child to kindergarten and officially begin their journey as a **Red Hawk**!

We know that starting kindergarten is a milestone filled with both excitement and a few anxious moments for children and families alike. Please know that our teachers, staff, and support team are preparing to make your child's first days of school welcoming, joyful, and successful. We can't wait to meet our newest Red Hawks!

Kindergarten Welcome Reception & Orientation

Thursday, August 27

We are excited to invite all incoming kindergarten families to a **Welcome Reception** hosted by our PTA at **10:30 a.m.** in front of the school.

Following the reception, **Kindergarten Orientation** with your child's teacher will begin at **11:00 a.m.**

Please enter through Door #14, located closest to the playground off Hendrie Avenue.

If you ordered school supplies through the PTA, they will be waiting for you at orientation. If you purchased your own supplies, please bring them with you.

During orientation, you and your kindergartener will have the opportunity to:

- Organize school supplies in the classroom
- Meet classmates and other kindergarten families
- Get a first look at your child's classroom
- Spend some special time together before the first day of school

Please note that this event is designed for **kindergarten students and one or two accompanying adults**. To help create a calm and welcoming experience for our newest learners, we ask that siblings not attend.

First Day of School

Friday, August 28

The first day of school for kindergarten students will begin at **9:00 a.m. only on the first day**. This gentle delayed start gives our youngest students a little extra time to adjust to arrival routines and begin their day with confidence.

If the later start time presents a hardship for your family, please contact our school office. We will be happy to arrange for a staff member to welcome your child at our regular arrival time of **8:30 a.m.**

As you enjoy these last days of summer, please know that our teachers and staff are busy preparing for the arrival of our students. We are looking forward to an incredible school year filled with learning, growth, and new friendships.

We can't wait to welcome your family to Riverside and see our newest Red Hawks on August 27!