

Welcome to the 2026 – 27 school year!

It's Time to Start School.



We are excited to have our Jaguars with us for the 2026 - 27 school year. Please see our webpage at <https://www.pcsb.org/bayvista-es> for teacher contact information, welcome letters, and supply lists. Also be sure to listen out for Focus Messenger calls and emails from me. Thank you for your support and for entrusting Bay Vista to educate your student. Stay safe and let's have a great year!

- Mr. Jones, Principal

ARRIVAL

School will start on August 11th. School hours are 8:15 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. The campus opens for students at 7:45 a.m. at their arrival gate. **CARS MAY NOT LINE UP IN THE CARLINE UNTIL 7:40 a.m.**

- ❖ Students should not be on campus prior to 7:45 a.m. It is imperative that all families respect this request.
- ❖ We ask that students and families continue our protocol of not congregating in front of the school. Therefore, parents may not gather on campus or drop students off before 7:45 a.m. The **R' Club** has before and after care for those that need it. These programs open at 6:30 a.m. Please contact Mr. Dominic for more info (727) 433-4286 or (727) 578-5437. **R' Club families should utilize the parking spaces to the south of the cafe when dropping off students in the morning. R' Club does not accept students after 7:35 a.m.**
- ❖ All students should arrive via the car circle unless he/she is a walker or arriving via bus/van with a before school program. **All adults MUST stay in their car while dropping off and picking up students. Students should only exit their vehicle from the passenger side.**
- ❖ Students in **car seats should be on the right side of the car** and ready to exit, with all items in hand. Staff members and patrols will be available to assist for a safe and timely arrival/dismissal out of/into the car.
- ❖ Upon arrival at 7:45 – 8:05 a.m., students will **enter campus through their assigned grade level gate which is color-coded. Color-coded gates are for ARRIVAL ONLY. Parents may not escort students to class.**
- ❖ Grab & Go Breakfast Carts are located just inside each gate for students to pick up a pre-packaged meal to eat at one of our designated outdoor dining areas.
- ❖ Students arriving after 8:05 a.m., who are eating breakfast, will pick up their breakfast from a Grab & Go Cart and report directly to class. **Breakfast concludes at 8:10 a.m.**
- ❖ **Please plan for all students to arrive by 8:05 a.m. to ensure they have enough time to walk to class** before the final, tardy bell at 8:15 a.m. **Students MUST BE IN CLASS BY 8:15 a.m. to avoid a tardy.**
- ❖ All gates will be locked at 8:15 a.m. **Tardy students must be walked up and signed in at the front office by a parent/guardian.**
- ❖ **ARRIVAL GATES: For families with multiple students, please drop your children off at the youngest child's gate. Parents may not enter campus to escort students to class. Cars MAY NOT line up in the carline prior to 7:40 a.m.**
 - **Blue Gate – ENTER CAR CIRCLE IN THE LEFT THROUGH LANE TO AVOID THE PURPLE GATE. Students in Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades will enter here.** If they are having breakfast, a cart will be stationed between the K buildings for those students.
 - **Kindergarten** students arriving prior to 8:05 a.m. will sit between the two kindergarten buildings to eat breakfast and wait for their teacher. Staff members will support K students during arrival and breakfast.
 - **Students in grades 1, 3, and 4** will eat breakfast in the picnic area between the Kindergarten buildings.
 - **Purple Gate – Students in grades 2 and 5 will enter the carline in the RIGHT LANE** to drop their child off. Students wanting a Grab & Go breakfast will eat breakfast in the Rainbow Garden.
 - **Orange Gate –** This gate is along 58th Avenue South and only for before / after school vans.

Students will receive colored bands for their backpacks as a reminder of their assigned arrival gate. It is imperative that students only enter campus at their assigned gates. Please do not remove the colored bands from student backpacks for the first month of school.

CELL PHONES & SMART WATCHES

- ❖ **May not be used while on campus at any time.** Phones must be OFF, inside backpacks, and not visible on campus at ANY time or they will be confiscated.
- ❖ **Smart watches may only be worn to tell time and for location tracking only.**



First Day of School – Kindergarten families may walk their child to class on the first day of school only. Please say goodbye at the classroom door on this day as parents should not enter classrooms. Teachers will be tending to students and will not be available to engage in parent conversations. All parents should exit campus no later than 8:20 a.m. unless attending the "Boo Hoo, Woo Hoo" breakfast.

LUNCH WITH YOUR JAGUAR

Parents may join their child in the Rainbow Garden **beginning Tuesday, 9/8**. Adults must sign in at the office and must also be listed on the clinic card as an approved contact. **Visitor badges must always be visible and must be returned to the office prior to leaving campus. Please do not bring animals, siblings, or non-Bay Vista students to campus. Parents may have lunch with their child only. Lunch with your Jaguar is available each day beginning Tuesday, 9/8 until Friday, May 21.**



In case of emergencies, please ensure that you have the correct contact information on file to stay informed about what's occurring at your child's school and in the district. Parents and guardians can receive phone calls, texts, and emails. Please check that your contact info (phone numbers and email addresses) is correct in Focus, so you don't miss my weekly communications.

DISMISSAL

Please be patient during our first few days of dismissal. Like the start of every school year, dismissal can seem a bit chaotic. As your principal, I truly appreciate everyone's understanding during dismissal. **Please remain in your car during dismissal.**

- ❖ Students will be dismissed through the car circle as a "car rider", unless they are a "walker" or a "van rider". Assigned car line lanes are for A.M. arrival only. **Please use either lane for P.M. dismissal. Students only be loaded into cars from the passenger side.**
- ❖ **HANG TAGS for CAR RIDERS** – Parents/guardians will be given a name tag sign to hang in your car that will assist BVF staff in calling for your child in carline for dismissal each day. It is imperative that you hang this sign from your rearview mirror.
- ❖ **Parents may not walk onto campus to pick up students.** All students not leaving campus in a car or van are considered 'walkers'. **Staff members will accompany walkers to the PARENT MEETING POINT by 2:30 p.m. Please be on time to pick up students.** Parents may meet their walkers at the PARENT MEETING POINT in the grassy area near the staff parking lot on Dr. MLK Street. **Parents should NOT cross the crosswalk/carline to meet or pick-up students (see map below). Please make sure your student knows how they are going home each day.** Please inform your child's teacher, via the agenda, of any changes in how he/she will go home on a given day. Staff are unable to accommodate walk-ups and parents are not allowed to gather on campus. **Parents who walk-up to pick up their students after 2:35 p.m. will be redirected to join the car line.** Students will not be called to meet walking parents as it will interfere with the efficiency of the car line and 'walkers'.
- ❖ All parents must use the car circle to drop-off and pick up students daily if their student is not a walker.
- ❖ **No early dismissal** (i.e., taking your child out of school before dismissal time) **after 1:30 p.m.** as this interferes with closing instruction and dismissal routines.
- ❖ Students picked up after 2:50 p.m. will receive a tardy.
- ❖ For carline, cars may not line up in car circle prior to 2:00 p.m.

ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL MAP

Students should be dropped off at their assigned grade level gate.

Families with more than one student should drop all off at YOUNGEST student's gate.

