



Eisenhower Elementary School
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Dear Eisenhower Families,

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School! I hope this summer has brought everyone relaxing sunny days and joyful memories. I am looking forward to welcoming our Eagles back to our nest and to meet our new students and families!

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4, 2019, with a full day of school. Each morning, our **first bell will ring at 8:40am**. This is the time when students may enter the building and report directly to their classrooms, where their teachers will be waiting to greet them. Students may not be dropped off outside or enter the building before 8:40am, as there is no adult supervision available. **Official school hours are 9:00am to 3:15pm.**

To ensure safety and supervision during student arrival, please either: 1) park in the parent lot and walk your child to the main entrance of the building, or 2) drive into the loop in front of the building and have your child exit the car on the sidewalk side by the main entrance. Please do not drop off students in the parent lot or anywhere else besides the sidewalk side of the driveway loop by the main entrance. Please keep in mind that drivers do not exit the car to allow traffic in the loop to keep moving. Staff will be present to guide parents to the appropriate locations for student drop-off. Please rest assured that our staff will also be available to escort your children as they enter the building and to support their transition. Staff are also stationed at the bus arrival area and throughout the building to help students locate their classrooms. Please note that parents are not permitted to escort their child into the building. All visitors to the main office are required to present a photo ID to enter the building.

On the first day of school only, Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians may enter the building through the main entrance and report to the cafeteria. There, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and deliver school supplies. Kindergarten parents will then exit the building and teachers will escort children to their classroom to begin their first school day. On the following days, please drop off your kindergartener at the front door, where staff will ensure they reach their classroom quickly and safely. *Please note that kindergarten students are always dismissed at the end of the day around the back of the building by the playground entrance. First through third grade students exit the building from the main entrance.*

On the first day of school, a large packet of information will be sent home with your child. Please read through the information and return the appropriate forms to school. We encourage you to visit the district and school websites frequently, www.piscatawayschools.org, in order to receive the most current and up-to-date information about our district and school. On the school website, you will be able to find important information such as classroom websites, supply lists, announcements and copies of all correspondences sent home in the virtual backpack.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Mr. Rodney Point-Du-Jour as our new Assistant Principal! Mrs. O'Donnell will be the new Assistant Principal at Arbor Intermediate School, where she will continue to work with our Eagles that are now in 4th and 5th grade. Mr. Point-Du-Jour shares our commitment to providing a student-centered, welcoming learning environment in which children are supported in maximizing their potential. He comes to us with excellent experience, knowledge and a fantastic energy and passion for education. Please see his enclosed letter of introduction and join me in welcoming him to our Eisenhower family!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and/or concerns, at any time. You have my continued commitment to always work together with the best interests of your children at the forefront. We are at the start of a fantastic school year that will be filled with meaningful learning experiences and wonderful memories!

Sincerely,

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