

Choose kindness
I am safe.
I am responsible.
I am respectful.
I am a learner.



Elige la amabilidad
Estoy seguro.
Soy respetuoso.
Soy responsable.
Soy un aprendiz.

Dayton Grade School

503-864-2217

September 2023

School Schedule

Grades K-5

8:15-2:50 (Tuesday-Friday)

Students may arrive at school no earlier than 800 AM.

8:00 All Students go to the Cafeteria for Breakfast Then to their classroom to eat.

8:15 Tardy Bell

On Late Start Mondays school will start two hours late. *See more information about Late Start Mondays on page 2.*



Open House

**Thursday, September 21
6:30-7:30 PM**

Please come to our Open House on Thursday September 21. Students will be ready to show off their classrooms and academic work.

Are you ready, Pirates? Aye, aye, Captain!

Welcome back, *Dayton Grade School Families!*

The staff has been working hard over the summer to make sure the classrooms and buildings are ready *for the first day of school*. They have done a great job cleaning areas, moving classrooms, *and planning for the school year*.

As soon as students are back in the building, we will talk with them about what *their hopes, goals and wants are for this year*. *Some questions we will ask are:* What do they want to learn? How do they want to be treated by *others*? *What kind of school environment do they want to be in?*

Here's what the DGS staff wants for this year *and how we will work toward those things:*

- We want for all students, staff, and the community to choose to be kind, so we will *explore more about our monthly character traits*.
- We want our students in school, so we will be contacting students and families when they are absent to set up attendance plans.
- We want our students to feel comfortable and supported at school, so we will be spending more time on our Social Emotional Learning lessons to provide students with the skills to collaborate and problem-solve together.
- We want our students to grow academically, so we will be scheduling small group *teaching times* during the day.
- We want students to know when they are doing well, so we will be handing out Pieces of Eight *tickets daily*. Our Pieces of Eight store will be ready for students to shop with their Pieces of Eight.

We are ready for school to start! We are looking forward to a great year!
Go, Pirates!

Important Calendar Dates for 2023-2024 School Year



September 21	Open House
September 29	Picture Day
October 19	Parent Night 6:30 PM
November 2	Vision Screenings
November 3	No School, Grading Day
November 9	No School, Conferences
November 10	No School, Veterans Day
November 14	Picture Retake Day
November 20-24	No School, Thanksgiving Break
December 25-	No School, Winter Break
January 5	
January 8	School Resumes
January 15	No School, Holiday
February 1	No School, Inservice
February 2	No School, Grading Day
February 5	2nd Semester Begins
February 19	No School, Non Contract
February 22	Parent Night 6:30 PM
March 25-29	No School, Spring Break
April 12	No School, Grading Day
May 27	No School, Holiday
June 12	Last Day of School, Early Release

Late Start Mondays –2 hours late

Dayton Schools will continue this year with Late Start Mondays. Students will arrive **2 hours** later on Mondays. Teachers meet for professional development during this time.



PTSO News

**Please Join Us For Our
First Meeting of the Year!**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

**All Meetings Begin at
6:30 PM**

End of Day Dismissal

Here's a brief outline of how we dismiss children:

- Bus riders are delivered to each bus in the bus lane by the teacher. At the busy loading and unloading times only staff members are allowed on the bus walk.
- Walkers go to the front lawn. Some meet siblings there, some meet parents there, and many big kids (grades 1 – 5) walk home on their own. If you park on the street and walk up to get your children, please meet them in front of the school.
- Kindergarten students being picked up by a parent or sibling in the building will meet in room 12 outside.
- Car Pick-Up kids go to room 8 at the north end of the school entrance to be delivered to cars by school personnel. This area is only for students who get into a vehicle. We are not set up to dismiss children to adults who walk up. This is a tough job and the two staff members on duty have their hands full getting everyone where they should be and monitoring who gets into what car. Students with appointments or emergency pick-up plans (mostly) go sit inside the office.
- We ask that you **not** use the back drive driveway, (behind Post Office) from 7:40-8:15 AM and 2:15-3:00 PM. Our buses are dropping off and picking up students and it's not safe for our students to have cars moving at the same time. **Please use the front door for drop off and pick up.**

All our procedures are designed to keep students safe, to maximize instructional time (by minimizing the time we spend in getting kids to buses, cars, etc.), and to ensure an efficient end of the day for all 400 students.

If your student's after school plans are different one day, please send a note! **Without a note, the teacher will send the child home the normal way.** Please limit phone calls to emergency changes only.

Thank you for helping us make dismissal time as smooth as possible for everyone.



Student Absence

Reminder, calls for students who are absent will occur automatically everyday in the morning. If your student is going to be absent—please call before **8:30 AM** and we will mark the absence in the system and you will not receive the automated call.

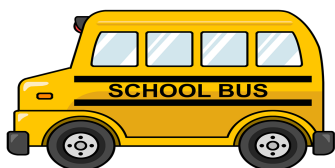
School Bus

Please check the Dayton School District website for bus route information, or call the Grade School Office at: 503-864-2217 or First Student at: 503-434-5631.

Please review the route list carefully to find your stop.

Please be aware that buses often run late the first week of school as drivers teach bus rules, verify their rosters, and ensure students are picked up and delivered to the correct locations.

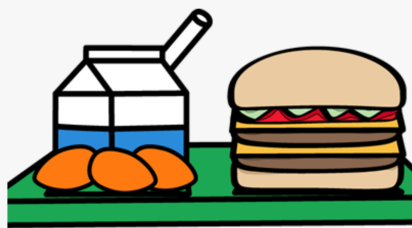
Buses run two hours late in the morning on Late Start Monday.



School Breakfast and Lunch Program

FREE Breakfast & Lunch

All Dayton Grade School students can receive "FREE" breakfast and lunch.



No application or registration required!
Please see attachment for more information.

Download the ParentSquare App



Policies for Grade School Students Attending High School Football Games:



1. No grade school students are admitted unless accompanied by a parent.
2. Must be supervised by parent while at the game.
3. No games of football, tag, etc. will be allowed to take place anywhere on the grounds during the game.
4. No outside balls, frisbees, etc. will be allowed to pass through the gate.
5. Balls found inside the athletic complex will be confiscated.

These rules are for the safety of the kids and other spectators and are meant to help us do a better job of supervising the event. Please supervise your children. Come and enjoy the game!



Is
Friday, September 29

Planning to Volunteer?

Volunteer forms were sent home with students in their first day packet on the first day of school. If you need additional information, please contact the Grade School Office.