

Maples Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope you enjoyed summer vacation. We are so excited to welcome our new and returning students back to our building every day!

The last year and half has been hard for our families as we had to change our plans many times. Now, we are hoping and planning for a “regular” school year. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Our main focus will be the safety and security of our students, staff, and families.

The **NEW school hours are from 9:00 AM-3:55PM**. Our **ENTRY bell will ring at 8:55AM**. The **TARDY bell will ring at 9:00AM**. Dismissal for all half days is **12:05PM**.

- The first day of school, **Monday, August 30th, is a half day of school** with dismissal at 12:05.
- **Tuesday, August 31st** will be a full day of school for students in grades 1st-5th.

Late Starts: On late start days, school will begin **1 hour later** with the entry bell ringing at **9:55AM** and the tardy bell at **10:00AM**

***Currently all students, staff, and visitors must wear a mask when entering a school building. This has been the practice since September 2020 and has not changed. Please review the [COVID screener](#) everyday before sending your child to school ***

Young 5's/Kindergarten Soft Start:

Young 5's and Kindergarteners will have a soft start, meaning half days of school for the first 2 weeks of school from **Aug. 30th to Sept. 10th with a dismissal time at 12:05PM**. Soft start allows for a gradual transition to school. During the two weeks of soft start, teachers will contact parents to schedule appointments for their child's assessments. More information regarding assessments will be provided by your child's teacher.

Our Young 5's and Kindergarten students **WILL** go to lunch during our soft start days with the exception of the first day, August 30th. We offer free lunch to all students but if you would like to send a packed lunch, please do so.

Attendance:

It is important to call the school every time your child is going to be absent, tardy, or needs an early dismissal from class so that unnecessary calls to you may be avoided. If your child arrives after **9:00AM** you must come into the office to sign your child in. The school office phone number is **313-827-6450**.

Breakfast:

Free Breakfast will be served daily from **8:35AM-8:50AM**. If interested, they may enter the building from the staff parking lot door.

For our daily Breakfast and Lunch menu please [click here](#)

Lunch:

The district offers Free lunch to all students. Classes are given approximately 40 minutes for lunch and recess. Students are given approximately 20 minutes for lunch and approximately 20 minutes for recess.

Lunch times this year are as follows:

Y5's/K: 11:00AM-11:38AM

1st: 12:50-1:10

2nd: 12:05-12:25

3rd: 11:45-12:05

4th: 11:25-11:45

5th: 12:30-12:50

Outdoor Line Up:

In the morning, all students will line up at their assigned door. The teachers will be coming outside to pick up and drop off the students every day starting on the first day of school. Parents must remain outside the building as students are escorted inside by their teachers. This will allow for a smooth transition from the start of the school year.

5th Grade- Door # 2 on Payne near the Secret Garden

4th Grade- Front door # 1 on Arthur

3rd Grade- Door # 7 on Mead near playground

2nd Grade- Door # 8 on Mead

1st Grade + Kindergarten~ Playground Door #6

Student Placement:

Your child's teacher will send a Dojo message with all necessary information on **Friday, August 27th in the morning**. Teachers will use Dojo and Schoology for communication. [Click here](#) for Schoology login directions

Please send your child to school with a water bottle. Drinking fountains will be available to fill water bottles.

Important dates to remember:

- 8/30: Half day for all students! Dismissal at 12:05PM
- 8/30-9/10: Soft start for Young 5's and Kindergarten only. Dismissal at **12:05PM**-No bus for return-Lunch will be served.
- 9/3-9/6: No school.
- 9/15: Late start! On late start days, school will begin 1 hour later with the entry bell ringing at **9:55AM** and the tardy bell at **10:00AM**
- 9/17: Half day!

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions 313-827-6450 or email me at jakubid@dearbornschools.org.

Mrs. Jakubik

Maples Principal