



Scott Avenue School

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Hal Eldred, Principal

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Dear Parents:

I would like to welcome you and your child to Scott Avenue School. The teachers and staff join me in saying we are happy to have you as a part of the Scott Avenue family. The "*first day of school*" is a great milestone for your child. We would like to provide you and your family with information that will help make that day memorable.

On **Tuesday, August 23, at 6:30 PM**, we will be having **Back to School Night** for our kindergarten parents only. The purpose of this important night is for the parents and teachers to become acquainted and to provide an opportunity to explain the kindergarten program. It is also a time to answer any questions you may have about kindergarten.

Monday, August 29th, between **2:30 PM and 3:30 PM**, is a time where **you and your child** may stop by and **visit with his/her teacher and see the classroom**. Your child will have the opportunity to become familiar with the school environment without the hurried activity of the first day of school.

On the **first day** of school, **August 30th**, please take your child directly to their classroom. The daily kindergarten hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:10 AM – 2:25 PM
Tuesday – 8:10 AM – 1:25 PM

Breakfast Program - Breakfast is served Monday thru Friday between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM Students are able to choose a variety of food which provides a well-balanced meal. Breakfast is fun, flavorful and filled with nutrients that help students do their best in the classroom. **Breakfast is available for \$1.00. Reduce price is \$.25** (for those who qualify). **Milk is \$.30. Supervision is provided during this time only for students participating in the program.** For "Breakfast", students go directly to the cafeteria. **Breakfast Program will begin the first day of school, September 1st.**

Nutrition/Lunch Information

Kindergarteners have a twenty minute recess/nutrition time during their school day. Parents may wish to send a snack with their child to eat at recess time. They may buy milk or juice for \$.30.

Kindergarteners may either bring their lunch from home or purchase a school lunch. A school **lunch is available for \$1.50. Reduce price is \$.40** (for those who qualify).

The **school lunch meal program** falls under **strict federal guidelines** that prohibit any of the food being taken off the school grounds. Although students may not always eat all of their purchased lunch, the guidelines do not allow students to take any food home or share it with others, including parents. In addition, these guidelines also **prohibit parents from sitting with their child while the food is being consumed.**

Morning Drop-Off Procedures in School Parking Lot:

Approximately 550 students will be entering and exiting our campus each day. From 7:45 AM to 8:10 AM, our parking lot is open only for parents using our drop-off valet service. **Drop-Off Student Valet Service begins on the first day of school, September 1st.** Please help us keep children safe and keep traffic flowing by following morning parking lot procedures.

Please have student backpacks, lunches/lunch money, and student ready to exit the car before entering the drop-off area that will be marked with posted station signs.

There are four numbered drop-off stations. Please pull forward to the first available drop-off station. A teacher or student valet will indicate the drop off station to you.

Pull up close to the curb so that valets do not have to step off the curb.

Make eye contact with the valet indicating approval for them to open the passenger door(s) for the student(s) to exit. **For safety and to keep the traffic flowing, please do not let your child out on the driver's side of the car.**

Unlock your car doors.

Valets open and close the car doors.

Student valets may assist with backpacks, etc.

Student escorts are available to walk students to gates and kindergarteners to the kindergarten playground.

The valet system will be in effect during the morning drop-off time only.

If you prefer not to use "Valet" service, you will need to park on a side street and walk your child onto the school grounds. The curb area, along the street, directly in front of the school is a loading/unloading zone for families with older children. Do not park and leave your car in this zone as you can be ticketed.

Dismissal Information

At the end of the day, children are kept in the kindergarten playground area until you pick him/her up. Children are dismissed at the front kindergarten gate located right corner facing the parking lot.

School Office Information

Our school office will open on **August 18th**. Mrs. Mc Connell, School Office Coordinator and Mrs. Dennis, School Office Assistant will be available to answer your questions at that time. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the week of August 22nd through 26th, our office is closed between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Once again, welcome to Scott Avenue. We recognize the importance of the kindergarten experience for our students. A good start in kindergarten will set the tone for his/her school career. Our teachers are highly skilled professionals who are dedicated to providing your child with the best educational experience. The staff and I look forward to having you and your child as members of the Scott Avenue family. Please keep in mind that **PARENTS ARE A VITAL part of the educational process**. We cannot be successful without your help and support. If at any time during the year you have a concern or recommendation, please feel free to give me a call. I welcome all parent input. See you at our Back to School on August 23rd!

Sincerely,

Hal Eldred
Principal

