

North and South Esk Elementary School

Back to School Update
September 2023



- **First Day of School:**

We are so excited to see you all!

Kindergarten students will be having a staggered entry with half the students attending school on Tuesday, September 5th and the others on Wednesday, September 6th.

All students in grade 1 to 6 will have their first day on Tuesday, September 5th.

Parents are welcome to come to NSEE on the first day of school to take pictures.

If your child will be taking the bus this year, please let them take the bus (do not drive them) on the first day so they can learn bus procedures.

- **Student Drop Off (Morning):**

Student Drop Off will be at the back door. No student is to be dropped off before 7:50 am. Please use the Access Road and follow the traffic pattern. If you are driving your child, please drop them off before 8:15 am (this is earlier this year so students will have time to get ready for the day). Classes start at 8:20 am. Early students will wait in the cafeteria with a duty teacher until the 8:00 am bell.

- **Busses:**

Students are to have only one pick up location in the morning and one drop off location after school.

This location cannot change. If you are picking your child up early, please send a note. There have been a few changes to bus pick up times and bus routes. Please check Bus Planner online at ASD-N website.

- **Late Students:**

Classes begin at **8:20**. Please have your child at school by 8:15, to get ready for class and do their morning routine. After this time, our doors will be locked.

If your child arrives late to school, please drive to the “student drop off” location at the bus door (Grade 5 door – there is a sign visible – **Door B**). Please call 836-7010 and wait in the car with your child until a staff member is able to escort them into the school. If you do not have a phone, please walk your child to the main door and buzz the office. Please wait with your child until a staff member greets them.

- **Illness/Injury:**

If your child is ill, they should stay home until they have no symptoms. If your child is ill at school or is injured, we may call you to pick your child up as soon as possible. *Please have the Emergency Contact Form completed with emergency contacts and information.* If phone numbers and addresses change during the school year, please notify the school office with updates.

- **Water Bottles:**

All students need to have their own water bottle for at-school use. NSEE only has bottle refill stations. We no longer have mouth spout fountains in the school.

Please send a clean, full water bottle each day. **No glass bottles please.**

- **Cafeteria:**

NSE Food Services will provide our cafeteria service this year. During the first week of school, there will be no daily meal served. Only “Grab and Go” items will be available. Please check our Facebook page to see what is available. We are happy to welcome Vicki Hanley to the cafeteria staff.

If your child wants to order from the cafeteria: Parents will be asked to send a completed order form in the morning with their child. Money must be sent in a baggie with the form. Correct change is preferred. Arrangements can also be made to give a larger sum of money to be kept in the cafeteria. Vicki and Debbie will keep track of this money as the students spend it. If you are sending in large amounts of money to the cafeteria, please put it in an envelope, label it and call the school so that we can make sure it is given to the cafeteria.

There will also be some microwave use available. Microwave food should be for reheating only and for reheat times under 2 minutes. (example: a KD cup takes too long to cook).

Just a reminder to send in food items that your child can open or peel by themselves (example: an orange should already be peeled) and remember to send in all condiments and utensils that are needed for their meal in their lunch can.

- **Breakfast Program:**

This year we will be providing some “Grab and Go” options for our breakfast program. There will be cereal bars, yogurt, fruit, etc., available. We will also be having two Toast Days on Tuesday and Thursday. We are looking for some volunteers for this. If you want to volunteer, please complete the volunteer list.

- **Parents/Guardians:**

Parents/guardians are asked to call the school to make appointments if they wish to speak to the principal, vice-principal or teachers.

For early pick-up or appointments, parents are asked to call the office (836-7010) or send a note to their child’s teacher in the morning. The pickup location for students will be at the side door (**Door B**) near the ballfield/office. If you do not have a phone, please go to the main door and use the intercom (located between the doors) to alert Paula in the office.

- **NSEE Friends & Family Volunteers:**

This year we are looking for volunteers to help with some activities during the year. Please let us know if you can help (see the volunteer sign-up sheet).

- **Fundraisers:**

We will have two fundraisers to support our school. The first one will be a Silent Auction in December. We will be looking for donated items (new) or gift cards.

The second fundraiser will be in April and will be for a “Cash Draw”. Tickets will be sent home for students to sell.

We are looking forward to having a great year! 😊

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