Welcome to the Kennedy Family!

Here are just a few answers to common questions that parents have as we approach the first day of school. We will continue to give you information up to the first day of school and throughout the school year.

**How will I receive communication from the school?**

We will send home what we call the “Family Folder” every Wednesday of the week once school begins. Inside this folder is a signature sheet to show that you are receiving the folder. Please remove all papers inside the folder and place it back in your child’s backpack to return the next day of school. The folder will contain informational flyers, school calendar, and many more papers.

**What is a Parent Alert?**

A Parent Alert is basically just a text message from the school. We send them to you to remind you about upcoming events. Please make sure your correct cell phone information is on file at school.

**What is Packet Pickup Day?**

Packet Pickup Day is the day that you may come to school to pick up your packet of information. Inside the packet is information regarding our Extended Care program, lunch information, supply list, parent contact information, and much more. You will also be notified of your child’s classroom teacher. Packet Pickup days are August 8 from 9:00 am to noon, and August 9th from noon until 3:00 pm.
What is Extended Care?

Our Extended Care program is a program for our families who need after-school care for their children. This program is every day from 2:20 pm until 5:30 pm. There is an hourly fee for this program and information will be in your packet that you will receive.

What time does school begin?

Students must be in their designated classrooms by 8:00 am or they are marked tardy. Please make every effort to have your child be ON TIME for school. Announcements begin promptly at 8:00 am and students are more successful when they are punctual for school. Students arriving after 8:00 am must be walked into the building by a parent and signed in. Please do not allow your child to walk in alone for safety reasons.

What time does school end?

Students will be dismissed at 2:20 pm. Any student not picked up by 2:30 will be escorted to Extended Care. Once your child is taken to Extended Care you will be billed Extended Care rates regardless of the amount of time your child is there. Please be prompt when picking your child up at the end of the day to avoid unnecessary charges.

Where do I drop my child off in the morning?

There will be teachers standing outside beginning at 7:40 am to direct drivers for drop off. You will see a line of cars dropping off children. Teachers will help your child get out of the vehicle. Students will either enter through the Covelli Center gym doors or the main office doors. Please do not drop off your child earlier than 7:20 a.m. as there is no supervision until this time. We encourage Kindergarten students to be dropped off at the door. However, if you feel more comfortable for the first week walking in your child, you may do so. When your child arrives, he or she should report to Reagan Hall until we begin dismissing students by grade level. We begin dismissing them to their classrooms at 7:45 am. Any child entering after 8:00 am will be required to have a parent escort them into the building and sign them in at the main office. Please do not allow your child to walk in alone for safety reasons.
What time is dismissal?

Students will be dismissed at 2:20 pm. Any student not picked up by 2:30 will be escorted to Extended Care. Once your child is taken to Extended Care you will be billed Extended Care rates regardless of the amount of time your child is there. Please be prompt when picking your child up at the end of the day to avoid unnecessary charges. To further ensure your child’s safety, you will be required to park your vehicle and walk to the gathering space located outside near the bell tower and retrieve your child from his or her classroom teacher. All students must be picked up by 2:30. Any student not picked up by 2:30 will be taken to the Extended Care Program. No Exceptions!

What is the proper school uniform to wear?

Students are to wear khaki pants or shorts (during shorts months) with a Kennedy polo. Girls may wear a plaid skirt/skort or jumper to school. On gym days, students wear their gym uniform which is a Kennedy navy t-shirt and navy blue shorts or jogging pants. Polos and gym t-shirts can be purchased at the Eagle’s Nest located at the upper campus. Please feel free to come by our gently worn closet at the lower campus to pick up uniforms at no cost. Note: Kindergarten students may wear plain polo tops without the Kennedy Logo. More details regarding our uniform policy will be inside the packet that you receive.

Is bussing available?

Yes, we having bussing for Warren, Howland, and Lakeview students. Please contact the office if you will need bussing.

Is breakfast available to my child?

Yes, we will provide breakfast. Please make sure your child arrives by 7:40 if he/she will need breakfast. There is a charge for breakfast and information will be included in your packet.

When is the first day of school?

School begins on August 21 for the 2019-2020 school year for students in grades 1-5. For Kindergarten, only girls come on August 21st and only boys on August 22nd. On August 23rd, all Kindergarten students come to school.
What is Meet the Teacher day?

Meet the Teacher day is when you and your child can meet his/her teacher. We encourage you to bring your school supplies this day. Please label all supplies with your child’s name. This year Meet the Teacher is on August 19th from 10:00-12:00 and in the evening on the same day from 5:00-7:00 pm. (Updated 7/16/19)

How will I know how my child is doing in school?

If your child is in Kindergarten then he/she will only receive a progress report the first grading period. Thereafter, a regular report card will be issued. Our report cards are Standards-Based Report Cards for grades K-3. This means your child will receive a score on the Ohio Department of Education Standards for your child’s grade level. Students in grades 4 & 5 will receive a regular report card. Your child will also be benchmarked for academic progress three times per year using the STAR Assessment. You will receive a report showing your child’s progress after each assessment. Your child’s teacher will always discuss your child’s progress at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

What is the New Student Mentor Program?

Every new child with the exception of Kindergarten students will receive a teacher mentor. This teacher will meet regularly with your child to assure that he/she is adjusting to his/her new school and transitioning successfully. Your child’s mentor will also communicate with you throughout the school year.

How do I pay for my child’s school lunches?

You can send in money to put towards your child’s lunch. Just send in a check or cash in an envelope labeled school lunch with your child’s name on it.

We hope this helps! Please don’t hesitate to call the office whenever you have questions! We are happy to help you with anything!

Have a wonderful school year!