Dear Florence Roche Families,

Welcome to the new school year!



I hope this finds everyone excited and eagerly awaiting the start of a great year ahead. The building was busy throughout the summer with the extended school year program operating here. The cleaning crew is now working hard to get everything ready for our opening. We are welcoming back 585 students with 24 new students joining us across grades 1-4. In addition, we have 5 new staff members on our team this year. Make sure to check out the virtual meet the staff to learn all about us!

The first day of school for students in grades 1-4 is Monday, August 31st. Kindergarten students' first day will be Tuesday, September 1st. There will be no school on Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The arrival and dismissal procedures will remain the same as last year. The school has 2 driveways as you enter off of Route 119. The buses will drop off and pick up following the driveway on the left. Parent/guardian drop off and pick up will follow the driveway on the right. The parent/guardian drop off and pick up will be a moving car line traveling around a traffic circle at the front of the building and exiting back down the driveway to Route 119. The aerial photo shows the 2 driveways and their corresponding traffic circles.



The student day begins at 8:57 and ends at 3:22. Arrivals after 8:57 will be recorded as tardy. Staff members will be supervising the parent/guardian drop off beginning at 8:45. Students can enter the building at 8:47.

Friendly Reminder: School Medication Forms 🌟

As we get ready for another wonderful school year, please remember that ALL medications and health-related treatments—including prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, tube feedings, herbal supplements, and diabetic parameters—require both a doctor's order and a parent/guardian consent form at the START OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR before the Health Office can administer them during the school day.

💊 Please do not send medications to school without the required forms. This helps us keep our students safe and ensures we can provide their medications and treatments as needed.

📋 You can find all of the required forms here: Medication Forms

Thank you for helping us start the school year safely and smoothly, it is truly appreciated. 💙

We are always interested in partnering with our families. Throughout the year there are volunteer opportunities within our classrooms and around the school. We always have room for any parent or guardian interested in volunteering to support recess or with our lunch process in the cafeteria. Please email me at bodonoghue@gdrsd.org if you are interested in learning more about any of our recess or lunch volunteer opportunities.

Access to the building for visitors during the school day will be through the front door. A visitor will ring the bell on the outside of the building to be let into the foyer. All first time visitors will need to have their license or identification card scanned into our system in order to access the building. For any future visits, you will still need your license/ID to enter the building. We have a kiosk in the foyer that will scan your license and a visitor badge will be printed for you in. Parents or guardians who are simply dropping something off for a student or dismissing someone for an appointment will enter through the main entrance and our office staff will help you.

Important Dates:

- 8/31 - first day of school for grades 1-4
- 9/1 - first day of school for kindergarten
- 9/4 & 9/7 - no school for the Labor Day holiday
- 9/18 - early release District
- 9/25 - early release PreK-4 only
- 9/25 - PTA Welcome Back event

Enjoy these last days of the summer break!

Brian