

SPRING MILLS ELEMENTARY
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Greetings, Shark Nation! Welcome back to the 2026/2027 school year. The Spring Mills staff is eager to partner with you to ensure a magnificent start for all our students.

We look forward to seeing you at our Pop-In on Wednesday, August 26 in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity for your child to meet their teacher, explore the classroom, and drop off supplies. Supply lists can be found [HERE](#).

A reminder for our JK/K families: On the first day of school, we ask that one parent or guardian attend with their child to support our youngest students. Please note that only half of our JK/Kindergarten students will attend on Tuesday 9/1, and the other half on Wednesday 9/2. Refer to the schedule below for more detailed information.

First Day Drop-Off:

- **JK/K:** Teachers will be out front to gather our JK/K students and their chosen family member to bring them into school on the first day. These teachers will continue to meet their students out front during the first few weeks.
- **1st Grade:** Teachers will be out front to gather their students and escort them to their classrooms. This will continue throughout the first week of school.
- **2nd Grade:** Students will line up by their 2nd grade sign. When dismissed by an adult, they will walk into the school to their classrooms.
- **3rd - 5th Grades:** Students will enter through the Upper El Centrum doors, which are the double doors on the right side of the building as you face it. Teachers and support staff will be present both outside and in the hallways to assist students in finding their classrooms.

Daily Arrival/Dismissal

Thank you to everyone following the guidelines and making the circle drive run more smoothly for our community! Please review the reminders below, and share these rules with any family members who may pick up your student.

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- Our building doors open at 9:10 AM. Please do not drop off students early, as there is no adult supervision outside the building prior to 9:10 AM. Use only the front loop for drop-off.
- Upper El Centrum doors close at 9:15 AM. If your child arrives after this time, please use the front doors.
- Safety first! Drivers must remain in their lane until all students have been unloaded. Passing other cars is not allowed, even if your child unloads first.
- For safety, drivers and other adults must remain in their vehicles during pick-up and drop-off. If your child needs assistance getting in or out of the vehicle, please park in the lot and walk to the appropriate doors.
- Always have your name sign clipped to your passenger visor during afternoon pick-up to keep things moving quickly for the entire Spring Mills community. If you did not receive a sign, please notify your child's teacher or the office, and we will send one home with your child.
- When possible, please move your child's seat to the passenger side of the vehicle so they exit safely onto the curb, not into traffic.
- The school day ends at 4:08 PM. Please do not arrive before 4:00 PM, and do NOT exit your vehicle in the circle to meet students.
- Side Loop: Students with last names beginning A–L
- Front Loop: Students with last names beginning M–Z
- Buses will continue to park in the lot behind the guard rail/fence on the basketball court. Please do not park bikes or golf carts on the courts.

A Few More Reminders

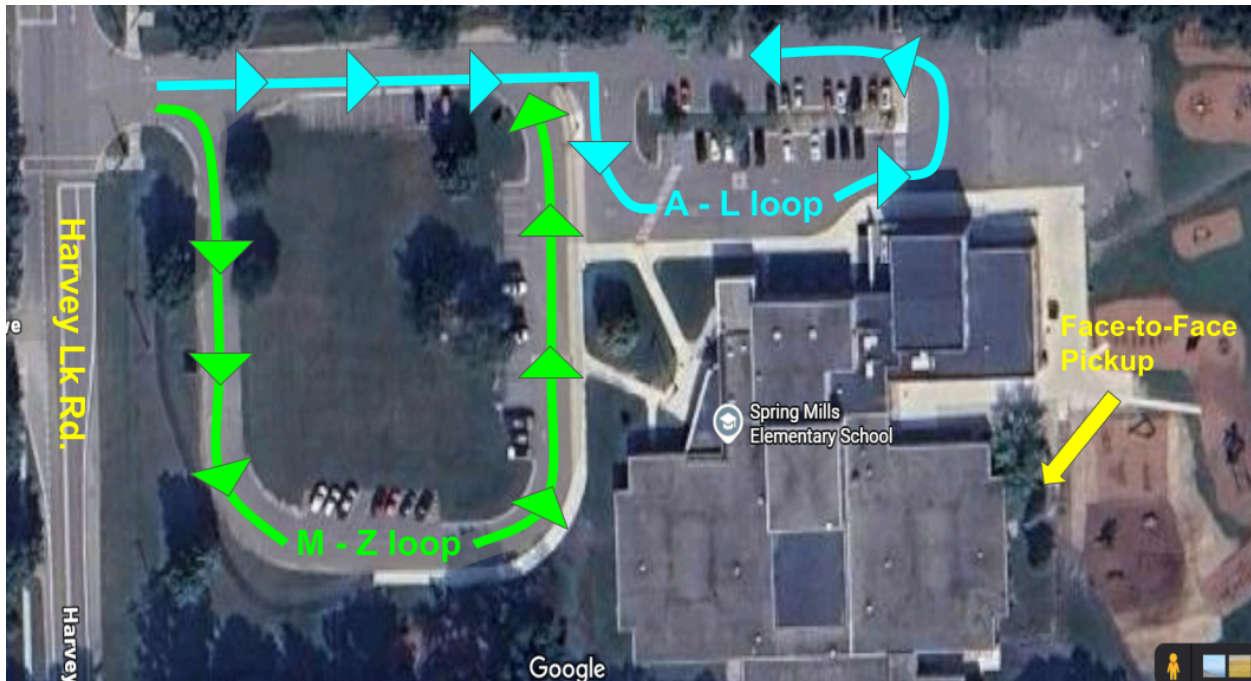
To make our afternoon dismissal process as safe and efficient as possible, students who are picked up face-to-face by an adult will continue to do so on the **playground side** of the building. Adults picking up students this way will need to park and walk around to the playground side. Students will exit through the **C2 and C5 exterior doors**. A map has been provided below for your reference.

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HVS Safety and Security

For the safety and well-being of our students, Huron Valley Schools have a firm expectation regarding visitor identification inside the buildings. When entering the building during instructional hours, you must show your ID and state the reason for your visit. Even if we have seen you several times or know you well, we are still required to ask for your ID. Please be prepared to present your identification every time you enter the building during school hours. Kindly share this expectation with anyone on your student's emergency contact list. We truly appreciate your support in following these requirements.

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Teacher Assignments / Online Back-to-School Process

Teacher assignments will be available on Family Access on August 25 after 4:00 PM. Additionally, the Online Back-to-School process is now open in [Family Access](#). Please complete this process as soon as possible.

Free Meal Program

Currently, students will continue to receive breakfast and lunch at school. However, if the state does not renew the program after the budget is finalized, students will begin paying full price for meals unless their family qualifies for free or reduced-price meals based on household income.

What You Can Do Now:

To prepare for any changes, we strongly encourage all families to complete the Child Nutrition and Education Benefit [Application](#)—regardless of income.

Why This Application Matters—Beyond Meals:

Even if your student doesn't need free meals, completing the application can provide access to other important educational benefits, including:

- Reduced registration fees for AP exams
- Lower fees for college applications
- Programs providing food support, field trip assistance, school supplies, or holiday support
- Free or reduced pay-to-participate activity fees
- Potential household support for cable and internet
- Title 1 funding that helps provide additional support, purchase instructional materials, and offer extra programs

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Your application helps us support all students and maintain critical school resources.

The application is available on [Family Access](#) as part of the Online Process, or you can find it on our website under the [Food Services page](#).

HVS PCD Policy

Research and feedback from staff, families, and students show that cell phones can be a significant source of distraction during instructional time. Our goal is to create a learning environment that allows students to be fully engaged, interact meaningfully with peers, and develop positive digital habits.

The guidelines for elementary school students are as follows:

- PCDs/Cell phones must be **turned off** and **stored in backpacks or lockers** during the school day.
- This includes during all instructional periods, lunch, passing time and transportation on district owned vehicles (e.g. school bus).
- The school day begins when the student enters the school building or district owned vehicle and ends at the conclusion of the final class period or when the child exits the district owned vehicle.
- Devices included, but are not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, iPads, electronic e-readers, earbuds, and other web-enabled devices of any type.
- Using a PCD in an unauthorized manner or in violation of the [School Board Policy](#) will result in the PCD to be confiscated until the student's parent/guardian can retrieve the device.

We ask for your partnership in reinforcing the importance of being present and engaged in learning. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact the school's main office.

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We believe these guidelines will help reduce distractions, improve academic performance, and support healthier social interactions at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to provide the best learning environment for all students.

If you have questions, please visit [our website](#) for more information, including a video overview and FAQ document or email communications@hvs.org.

We are excited to begin this new school year with your family and look forward to all the learning, growth, and fun ahead. Thank you for your continued partnership in making Spring Mills a safe, supportive, and inspiring place for every student. Here's to a fantastic 2026/2027 school year!

Sincerely,



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Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten Week 1

Families of incoming JK/K students are asked to send only one parent/guardian for the first day of school.

Monday, August 31: Half day sessions attended by parents/guardians and students.

- ★ Session A: Last Names A-L (parents and students) will attend from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- ★ Session B: Last Names M-Z (parents and students) will attend from 1:08 p.m. to 4:08 p.m.
- ★ There is no transportation to or from school for JK/Kdg. students on this day.

Tuesday, September 1: Full day for Session A (students with last names A-L): 9:15 a.m. – 4:08 p.m.

- ★ Bus transportation is provided both ways for Session A students.
- ★ Students whose last names begin with **M-Z** do not attend school.

Wednesday, September 2: Full day for Session B (students with last names M-Z): 9:15 a.m. – 4:08 p.m.

- ★ Bus transportation is provided both ways for Session B students.
- ★ Students whose last names begin with **A-L** do not attend school.

Thursday, September 3: Full day for all JK/Kindergarten students: 9:15 a.m – 4:08 p.m.

- ★ Bus transportation is provided both ways for all students.