



RAVINE DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ravine Drive Families,

I hope you had an enjoyable Summer and are ready for the start of the 2023-2024 school year! The staff at Ravine Drive has been working diligently in preparation for the return of all of our students. All information regarding the return to school will be posted on our [website](#). Please be sure to use the [parent portal](#) to update your child's contact information and your e-mail address. If you are having trouble logging in to the portal, please click [this link](#). All student schedules will be available on the parent portal on Friday, September 1st. Our first day of school is Wednesday, September 6th.

Below are a few notes regarding arrival and dismissal procedures that will help for a successful start to the year.

- Homeroom begins at 9:20 AM promptly. Dismissal is at 3:35 PM.
- The building opens at 9:10 AM for all students walking and being dropped off to enter through the Breezeway (Exterior Door #7) from the rear pod doors by the Art Room and Blacktop Area. Upon entry, students will transition to their homeroom.
- When using the Kiss and Drop Loop, please be mindful of moving quickly and carefully to ensure the safety of all students. Adults cannot leave their vehicle unattended in the Kiss and Drop Loop
- Students arriving at or after 9:20 AM must enter through the Main Office Vestibule with an adult. The adult will sign the student in at the vestibule.
- The bus area on Ravine Drive may not be used for drop-off or pick-up of students.
- Bus information for eligible students can be found on the parent portal.
- On the first day of school, Preschool and Kindergarten students will line up on the blacktop in the back of the school adjacent to the cone with their teacher's name. Following the first day, students will enter with all other students.
- Breakfast and lunch for all students will be available on the first day of school. The menu can be found [here](#). Preschool families, please see [this link](#) for information on ordering foods
- Breakfast can be picked up in the cafeteria between 9:10 AM - 9:20 AM, therefore, walkers must arrive before 9:20 AM to pickup breakfast and make it to homeroom on time.
- If your child will be absent from school, please call 732-290-2780 and press 1. You will receive an automated call verifying your child's absence.

- To ensure a safe dismissal, parents may not sign out their children during the thirty minutes before dismissal (3:05 PM-3:35 PM)
- If you are planning to pick your child up early or there is a change in dismissal plans, please send in a note to let us know.
- When you come to the school, please ring the bell at the main entrance on Ravine Drive. You will be asked to tell us your name. Upon entrance, please go to the main office window in the vestibule and show a photo identification sign-in.
- You will not be permitted to enter the building or pick up your child without photo identification. If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up your child, you must e-mail KLiebowitz@marsd.org and add the person to parent portal.

The district requests that **ALL** families complete the 2023-2024 Free/Reduced Meal Application, that can be completed electronically on PaySchool or via hard copy starting late August. The amount of federal funding the district receives is directly related to the number of qualifying families that complete Free/Reduced Meal Applications. All Free/Reduced Meal applications can be accessed from the Business Office [website](#).

Dismissal Locations for Walkers:

Preschool

- Ms. Blake will dismiss walkers from exterior door #16
- Ms. Burlaw will dismiss walkers from exterior door # 14
- Ms. Kelly will dismiss walkers from exterior door # 17
- Ms. O’Neal will dismiss walkers from exterior door # 18
- Ms. Walsh will dismiss walkers from exterior door #15

Kindergarten

- Mrs. Alvarez, Ms. Saginor, and Mrs. Sullam will dismiss walkers from exterior door #6
- Ms. Lenihan will dismiss walkers from exterior door #20

First & Second Grade

- Will dismiss walkers from exterior door #6

Third Grade

- Ms. Budinsky will dismiss walkers from exterior door #11
- Ms. Colonna will dismiss walkers from exterior door #14
- Mrs. Paone-Hurd will dismiss walkers from exterior door #9
- Ms. Papa will dismiss walkers from exterior door #10

Y-Time Pickup will be from exterior door #5

Preschool Orientation will be at 9:30 AM on September 5th, 2023 followed by Kindergarten Orientation at 10:30 AM. Please enter at the breezeway as we will throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you to start the year and at Back to School Night on September 13th at 6:30.PM.

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions by calling the office at 732-705-5800.

Have a great day!

Sean Cronin
Principal