

SCHOOL NEWS

Dysart Elementary School • The Eagle Express

Welcome Back Students and Parents!

We are so excited to have our students and parents back at school! We hope everyone is rested and had a wonderful summer! We have a few new faces this year on our campus and hope that everyone will give them a warm Dysart welcome as we all return to school and start classes for the 2009-2010 school year!

By this time, we hope that you've had a chance to see our newly remodeled campus. We are very excited with the "facelift" that our school has had and we know that the students will be excited about the new classrooms, landscaping and play areas. Construction will continue through the end of October, so please be extra careful when coming onto campus to ensure your safety.

We are in the process of planning some fun-filled family event nights in the upcoming months. Our Curriculum Nights will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, for grades K-5. Grades 6-8 will meet on Thursday, August 27th. Both events will be from 6:00-7:30 pm. There will also be an informational presentation regarding our Title One Program. Please look for additional information as the event approaches.

Dysart Elementary encourages every parent to take an active role in their child's education and we invite you to come visit, volunteer and attend all school events! I am looking forward to working with each of you this year to ensure your children receive the best education and most positive school experience possible!

Patricia Buck—Principal

Attendance Line

Please call the attendance line by 9:00 am each day to report your student's absence.

(623) 876-7136!



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Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

- Aug 17—First Early Monday Release-2:00pm
- Aug 18—Band Instrument Rental Night-6:00 pm
- Aug 20—First PTO Meeting
Board Elections 6:00 pm
- Aug 24—SC Fundraiser begins-Savings Coupon Book
- Aug 25,27—Curriculum Nights-6:00 pm
- Sep 7—Labor Day—No School!
- Sep 11—1st Quarter Progress Reports Go Home

Check us out on the Web!

Our school newsletter will be on-line again this school year! Paper copies will only be sent home for the first 2 issues, after that you can access all future newsletters on our school website or you can pick up a copy in the office.

www.dysart.org/des



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General School Reminders

As we welcome everyone back from a nice and relaxing summer, we want to remind all our new and returning parents of school procedures and a couple changes:

- Office hours are Monday—Friday from 7:30am—4:30pm. Our telephone number is 623-876-7100 and the Attendance Line is 623-876-7136. If you are calling to report a student's absence, please call prior to 9:00am each day your child will be out.
- The first bell rings at 8am each day. Students should be at school and ready for classes at this time. Breakfast in the classroom will be provided again this year to all students free of charge, and begins at 8:00 am promptly. The tardy bell rings at 8:15am. Any student not in class by 8:15am is required to have a tardy pass. A student's tardy will be excused only when a parent walks into the office to sign their child in late. Tardy consequences are as follows:
 - First unexcused tardy—letter sent home
 - Second unexcused tardy—phone call to parent/guardian
 - Third unexcused tardy—detention.
- For campus safety, students should not be on campus prior to 7:45 am daily. There is no adult supervision until 7:45 and students are not permitted on campus until staff is on duty.
- Any visitor on our campus between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm is required to sign-in at the front office and receive a visitor pass from an office staff member.
- We cannot accept phone calls regarding last minute transportation changes. Last minute changes result in confusion for the students and teachers and increases the risk of students being lost or in danger. Please ensure arrangements are made with your child prior to sending them to school each day. In addition, please provide written notice to your child's teacher of the changes.
- Please remember that removing your child from school, prior to the end of the school day, directly affects your child's academic success. Not only is your child affected, the interruption to the classroom also affects the other students and the teacher. Please make appointments after school hours and allow your student to remain in class for the entire school day, unless it is an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to help provide your child with a safe and successful learning environment!

Get Involved in Your School!

You have the opportunity to make a difference! Join the PTO or Site Council! The PTO plays a big role in fundraising for our school. Site Council provides input for instructional strategies at our school and help with the allocation of donations, including tax credit donations. Meetings are held monthly for both programs. Please join other parents, teachers and community members and learn how you can become a part of these wonderful organizations.

The first PTO meeting for this school year is on Thursday, August 20th, at 6:00 pm. Board elections will be held that evening, so if you are interested in holding an office, please plan to attend the meeting. The more parent participation we have, the more successful our PTO will be! Thank you!



Parent Pick-up/ Drop Off

The new and revised parent pick up and drop off area has been extended to go from Varney Road to the front of the school and wrap around the parking lot. You must pull all the way to the north end by the new gates to drop off your students. Students may only be dropped off/picked up in this area. Of course, you are always welcome to park in the front parking lot and walk up to the waiting area to pick up your student. Please do not pull into the parking lots and wait there to pick up your student. This is for the safety of all students. Thank you!