

Springhurst Elementary School 2023-2024

A Special Note for Kindergarten Families



- Welcome to Springhurst! We hope that you and your child are enjoying a pleasant summer and are excited for the upcoming school year. This document contains important information regarding the start of school.
- Soon your child will begin a new chapter in his/her young life. Like you, all of us at Springhurst want this to be an exciting and enjoyable experience. The following simple suggestions may help you and your child have a smooth beginning to a very successful school year:
- Be very positive when discussing the start of school and his/her new teacher! If you present school in an enthusiastic way, your child will feel assured.
- The first day your child comes to school can be an emotional time for both of you. Stay calm and cheerful. Wave good-bye with a smile. Remember that this is an adventure to your child - a fascinating new beginning! Remind your child that many members of our faculty will be present to greet and escort students to their classrooms.

Kindergarten Schedule

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th.

Just a reminder that the first days of kindergarten (until Monday 9/18) are half-days for kindergarten students with dismissal at 12 noon.

Kindergarten students will enjoy snack and recess on these half-days. Lunch will not take place until the first full day of kindergarten (Monday 9/18).

Important Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, September 5th- First day of school for students (half-day)
- Thursday, September 14th- Back-to-School Night (Grades 3-5), 6:30 p.m. (details to follow)
- Friday, September 15th – New Parent Breakfast, 9:15 a.m.
- Monday, September 18th - First full day of school for kindergarten students
- Thursday, September 21st - Back-to-School Night (Grades K-2), 6:30 p.m. (details to follow)
- Monday, September 25th- School Closed – Yom Kippur
- Monday, October 9th- School Closed – Columbus Day/ Indigenous People's Day

Transportation

Bus information (bus routes and times) will be available via the Ardsley UFSD Transportation Department's parent portal available through the link we have shared with you on the Welcome Back to School Webpage. If your child attended visiting day on August 29th a badge (coinciding with their bus route color) was given to them. If your child was unable to attend, the badge will be mailed. Your child should wear his/her badge the first few weeks of school. All busing questions/concerns should be directed to John Coxen at jcoxen@ardsleyschools.org (the preferred method of communication) or at 914-295-5559. Adult bus monitors provided by Royal Coach Bus Co. will be riding each of the buses during every run. Monitors will help oversee all safety procedures, including proper bus behavior. They will assist children when boarding (where to sit, how to buckle their seat belts) and where to get off the bus. Front seats are reserved for our youngest students.

It is vital that you, another family member, babysitter or friend be waiting to escort your child off the bus. No kindergarten child will be left at a bus stop unsupervised. *Bus drivers are instructed to bring back to Springhurst any kindergarten child who has not been met.*

If your child is signed up for the Springhurst Children's Center afterschool program, they will be dismissed by us directly to the care of that program. Click here for info re: the Springhurst Children's Center: <https://www.dfsd.org/domain/464>

Please keep in mind that bus routes take longer to complete the first few weeks of school. Please plan accordingly.

If you have specific dismissal requirements for the first half-days of kindergarten that differ from your usual dismissal plans please notify your child's teacher.

Class Assignment

*Your child's placement is indicated on his/her schedule (found on the District's eSchoolData Parent Portal) where you will find the name and room number of your child's teacher(s). **Student placement is a lengthy and thorough process that takes into account multiple factors and concerns. Please refrain from calling the school office to request changes in your child's placement.** Keep in mind that children make friendships quickly and community is built within a classroom from the moment students first enter the room. If you present school in an enthusiastic way, your child will feel assured.*

Physical Examinations

Physical examinations must be completed before the first day of school. Proof of immunization records, required by law, must state the exact day, month and year when vaccines were administered. Physical examination forms and immunization records signed by the physician should be emailed to Nurse DiMaria (dimariag@dfs.org) or Nurse Cronin (cronink@dfs.org) no later than the last week of August. If you have misplaced the form provided by the school, copies are available at our Springhurst School office and are available on our school website (Medical Forms.)

Additional Information

- Please remember to review our "[School Information and Procedures](#)."
- As we continue through this school year, please look out for letters/fliers that will be emailed to you from dfshnotices@dfsd.org with important information regarding opportunities for you to become involved in your child's educational experience.
- The Dobbs Ferry SchoolMessenger system provides you with superintendent announcements, emergency bulletins, event information, budget updates, academic highlights and much more. Email dobbsferryschools@dfsd.org if your contact information changes (email or phone), and please notify our main office as well.
- Be sure to sign up for the District's eSchoolData **Parent Portal** so that you can receive your child's report cards each marking period.

Your child's first experience at Springhurst is very important to us. We look forward to making this experience a rewarding and happy one. We hope that you will become active members of our school community. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you and your family an enjoyable remainder of the summer.