

# Summit Street School



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Dear Summit Street School Families,

Summer greetings and welcome to a new school year. Hopefully, you are enjoying these wonderful summer days. We are busily preparing for your children to join us at Summit Street School. This letter outlines upcoming dates and events. Please call the main office at 878-1377 with any questions. Thank you for sharing your children with us. At any time, please contact me with questions or suggestions. We look forward to joining you as we embark upon this educational journey together.

Your Principal,

Suzanne Gruending

<p><b>PTO Playground Meet and Greet</b> (great day to return paperwork!) Meet other families and check in about bus routes!</p>	<p><b>Monday, August 16th Summit Street Playground</b> 5:30 - 6:00 pm Kindergarten Only 6:00 - 6:30 pm All Grades (great day to return paperwork!)</p>
<p><b>Family Open Houses</b> (great day to return paperwork!)</p>	<p><b>PreK:</b> Monday, August 23rd AM PreK 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm PM PreK 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Tuesday, August 24th Kindergarten Smart Start 7:30 - 8:30 am</p> <p><b>1st, 2nd grade, 3rd Grade:</b> Monday, August 23rd Last name A-K 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Last name L-Z 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm</p>
<p><b>First Day of School</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, August 25th</b> Rear Doors Open: 7:45 am School Hours: 7:45 am - 2:45 pm M, T, TH, F 7:45 am - 1:45 pm Wednesday Early Release</p>
<p><b>Picture Day</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, September 2nd All day!</b></p>
<p><b>First PTO Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 14th 6:00 pm</b></p>
<p><b>Early Release Reminders</b></p>	<p><b>All students are dismissed at 1:45 pm every Wednesday all year for Professional Development.</b></p>

## New Summit Faculty and Staff

Please welcome the following new staff to Summit Street School:

<b>New Teaching Staff:</b>	<b>New Position:</b>
Doane, Alaria (Music)	Bergstrom, Timiny (Math Interventionist)
Goyette, Kristi (Special Educator)	Edwards, Scott (SEL Coach)
Jacobs, Michelle (1st Grade)	
Lee, Casey (Kindergarten)	
Miglinas, Kristen (BCBA)	
O'Connor, Colleen (EWSD Reads)	
Bixel, Bridget (Speech Language)	
Tsai, Sher (Nurse)	

**EWSD's Early Education Program** provides school-based services. Ms. Shelly Underwood is Summit's Early Education Special Educator.

### **PreKindergarten Schedule**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
AM	7:45-10:45	7:45-10:45	No PreK	7:45-10:45	7:45-10:45
PM	11:45-2:40	11:45-2:40	No PreK	11:45-2:40	11:45-2:40

## **Educational Supplies**

All the advertisements regarding purchasing school supplies serve as a reminder that it is back to school time. Summit Street School provides all the required supplies needed. The only optional purchase is a backpack, water bottle and a lunch/snack bag, which the school does not supply. However, pencils, rulers, notebooks, crayons, markers, scissors, etc. are all provided.

## **Photos and Videos**

There are occasions in schools when we photograph or video students and post them on our website or social media. We do not identify students by name in any open web situations. If you **do not wish** for your child to be in any posted or distributed pictures such as class photos, please request an opt out form from the main office.

## **Wellness**

**Celebrations:** "Classroom snacks and celebrations should promote the importance of healthy foods." Educators keep this in mind as they partner with parents throughout the year to plan for class celebrations. If your child would like to celebrate a birthday at school, you may decide with your child to provide a non-food item, or participate in a special activity or project.

### **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)**

This is the eighth year Summit Street School will be using PBIS to promote desired behaviors at school. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and is an evidence-based framework for developing positive behavior. PBIS is used by schools nationwide to create a positive climate for learning and to promote our behavior expectations of: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible. PBIS is a system that focuses on the positive rather than the negative. We can greatly improve our school-wide climate by offering a more positive approach through explicitly teaching desired behavior expectations to everybody throughout the building. The goal is to create a positive social culture in which positive behaviors are explicitly taught and reinforced and all adults respond to problem behaviors in a consistent way.

### **Student Arrival and Dismissal:**

Our drop off and pick up parking lot is the Holy Family parking lot. If you would like to park and walk with your child or you are staying for a meeting or event, please use our district parking lot on School Street. This is just down the street from the Holy Family lot and connects to our playground. **Summit Street is an active busy street and is not designed for car drop offs. The front of the school is a bus lane during pickup and drop off.** Please help keep our students safe.

### **EWSD Transportation:**

Be sure to check your email for information from transportation. All families must be signed up by August 13th to ensure transportation the first week of school.

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## 7:45 am - 2:45 pm

(Early Release Wednesdays 1:45 pm)

On time arrival sets all students up for a great day!

PreK and Kindergarten will dismiss 5 minutes early

## **SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION**

### **Morning Arrival**

Summit Street School line up will begin at 7:35 am and doors will open at 7:40 am. Morning arrival is 7:45 am in the back of the building. Our arrival door is out back on the ramp and will close at 7:50 am. Students are tardy at 7:50 am. All on-time arrival is from the back doors, the main office doors should be used for tardy arrival only. Please walk your child up from the back parking lot for tardy arrival, the front of the school is a bus lane in the morning.

### **Bus Transportation**

All students arriving by bus transportation will arrive at the main entrance on Summit Street. Students will be supervised outside until the doors open.

### **Parking and Drop Off**

There are two parking lots designated for arrival and dismissal for families on School Street behind Summit Street School. Please use Holy Family for short stays and the EWSD Parking lot on School Street may be used for short or long term parking.

### **Welcome**

All students will be welcomed to their school day through the rear doors. The front of the building is a bus zone and is not used for morning arrival. Students arriving after 7:50 am will be marked tardy through the front and rear door.

### **Handwashing**

Upon arrival and at multiple points during the day, students will be directed to wash their hands. This is a familiar and expected elementary practice and our students are well versed at this routine.

### **Snack / Breakfast**

Students will be able to access EWSD Child Nutrition Services for breakfast/snack and students will eat in their classroom.

### **Lunch / Recess**

All students will have a 30 minute recess during the school day. This is an opportunity for students to have masks off while outdoors when they can maintain a 6 foot distance. All students will have access to EWSD Child Nutrition Services and lunch will be eaten in their classroom or cafeteria depending on the grade level and guidance.

### **Dismissal**

Dismissal for Summit Street School is at 2:45 pm (2:40 pm Kindergarten).

Wednesday is early release day. Students are dismissed at 1:45. Students using EWSD Bus Transportation will be dismissed according to the bus schedule. Students attending EJRP after school programming will be dismissed to their designated areas. All other students will exit the building with their classroom teacher to their designated pick up areas either out front or out back.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION AND DATES**

**All Staff can be reached at 802-878-1377**

### **Principal**

Principal Suzanne Gruending [sgruending@ewsd.org](mailto:sgruending@ewsd.org)

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