

Parents Newsletter

September, 2025

Growing Minds & Building Futures Together

PBIS Expectations

R- Respect

O- Ownership

A- Act Safe

R- Responsible

"Through SEL and PBIS, we teach not only academic skills but also essential life skills, preparing students for success in school and beyond."



A message from Mrs. Rivera

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We know each year brings both challenges and opportunities, but please remember you are not alone—our staff is here to partner with you every step of the way. Together, we can make this a year of growth, success, and the joy of learning for your child. Thank you for your trust and support—we are excited for all that this year will bring!

With gratitude,
Mrs. Rivera
Principal



What's happening in our building?

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 No School Labor Day	2 MAP-Testing	3 MAP-Testing	4 WIDA Screener MAP-Testing	5 Popcorn Sale MAP-Testing	6
7	8 LOOP first day MAP-Testing	9 MAP-Testing	10 The Playground GR MAP-Testing	11 MAP-Testing	12 MAP-Testing	13
14	15 MAP-Testing	16 MAP-Testing	17 The Playground GR MAP-Testing	18 MAP-Testing	19 Popcorn Sale MAP-Testing	20
21	22 iReady Assessment	23 iReady Assessment	24 The Playground GR PBIS Celebration iReady Assessment	25 iReady Assessment	26 iReady Assessment	27
28	29 iReady Assessment	30 iReady Assessment				

School Menu

September 2025

GRPS K-5 Schools

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 No School	2 • Early Risers Hashbrown • Peach Cup • Assorted Fruit Juice	3 • Pancake & Sausage Sandwich • Banana • Assorted Fruit Juice	4 • Blueberry Bread • Raisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	5 • Yogurt • Cereal Bar-Trix • Cherries • Assorted Fruit Juice
8 • Chocolate Crescent Roll • Craisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	9 • French Toast Sticks • Fruit Crunchables • Assorted Fruit Juice	10 • Breakfast Sausage & Gravy Bites • Orange • Assorted Fruit Juice	11 • Pancake Wrap • Raisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	12 • Cereal, Variety • Bug Bites • Mixed Fruit, canned • Assorted Fruit Juice
15 • Strudel Stick • Applesauce • Assorted Fruit Juice	16 • Scrambled Eggs • Apple Cinnamon Muffin • Craisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	17 • Stuffed Waffle • Banana • Assorted Fruit Juice	18 • Cinnamon Pancakes • Pears, canned • Assorted Fruit Juice	19 • UBR, Ultimate Breakfast Round • Cherries • Assorted Fruit Juice • Cheese Stick/mozz
22 • Froot Loops Waffle • Raisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	23 • Egg Bites • Cereal Bar-Trix • Pears, canned • Assorted Fruit Juice	24 • Cereal, Variety • Educational Crackers • Banana • Assorted Fruit Juice	25 • Pizza-Breakfast Sausage • Craisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	26 • Caramel Mini • Cherries • Cheese Stick-Colby • Assorted Fruit Juice
29 • Cereal, Variety • Nutri-Grain Bar • Cheese Stick/mozz • Raisins • Assorted Fruit Juice	30 • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Cherries • Assorted Fruit Juice	<i>Alternate Choice: Cereal & Graham Crackers available daily:</i>		

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 No School	2 • Corn Dog, Chicken • Baked Beans • Baby Carrots • Mixed Fruit, canned Muncher • Soft Pretzel Rods • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Yogurt	3 • Chicken Drumstick • Mashed Potatoes • Chicken Gravy • Cole Slaw • Peach Cup • Cornbread Loaf Muncher • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Sunflower Seeds, Honey Roasted • Cornbread Loaf	4 • Meatloaf • Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes • Collard Greens • Apple • Dinner Roll Muncher • Sunbutter Sandwich • Cheese Cubes	5 • Pizza Crunchers • Corn • Marinara Sauce Cup • Pears, canned Muncher • Vegetarian Refried Beans • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Salsa • Tostitos RF Tortilla Chips
8 • Chicken Tenders • Hash Brown Starz • Baby Carrots • Applesauce • Heartzels Pretzels Muncher • Sunbutter Sandwich • Cheese Stick/mozz • Goldfish Crackers cheddar	9 • Teriyaki Dippers • Asian Blend Vegetables • Mini Sweet Peppers • Peaches, Canned • Chocolate Muffin • Cheez-Its Muncher • Soft Pretzel Rods • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Yogurt	10 • Macaroni & Cheese • Peas & Carrots • Tossed Salad Spinach Grape Tomatoes • Banana • Dinner Roll Muncher • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Sunflower Seeds, Honey Roasted • Cornbread Loaf	11 CHICKEN TACO • Shredded Taco Chicken • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Romaine Lettuce • Diced Tomatoes • Pinto Beans, Texas Ranchero • Tortilla • Fritos • Cherries Muncher • Sunbutter Sandwich • Cheese Cubes	12 • Pepperoni Stick • Green Beans • Fresh Broccoli • Pears, canned Muncher • Vegetarian Refried Beans • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Salsa • Tostitos RF Tortilla Chips
15 • Fiesta Beef Pizza • Taco Fiesta Black Beans • Baby Carrots • Mixed Fruit, canned Muncher • Sunbutter Sandwich • Cheese Stick/mozz • Goldfish Crackers cheddar	16 • Apple Cinnamon Toast • Turkey Sausage Link • Veggie Juice-Paradise Punch • Peach Cup Muncher • Soft Pretzel Rods • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Yogurt	17 • Totchos • Tater Tots • Beef Taco Meat • Cheese Sauce • Salsa • Cherries • Goldfish Crackers cheddar Muncher • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Sunflower Seeds, Honey Roasted • Cornbread Loaf	18 • General Tso Dumplings, Chicken & Vegetable • Egg Roll, Chicken • Sidekick - Cherry Freeze • Sliced Apples Muncher • Sunbutter Sandwich • Cheese Cubes	19 • Cheezy Breadsticks • Cooked Broccoli • Marinara Sauce Cup • Mixed Fruit, canned Muncher • Vegetarian Refried Beans • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Salsa • Tostitos RF Tortilla Chips
22 • Honey BBQ Rib Patty • Hamburger Bun • Sidewinders Potatoes • Baby Carrots • Strawberry Cup Muncher • Sunbutter Sandwich • Cheese Stick/mozz • Goldfish Crackers cheddar	23 • Chicken Nuggets • Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce • Grape Tomatoes • Cherries • Heartzels Pretzels Muncher • Soft Pretzel Rods • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Yogurt	24 • Turkey Burger • Hamburger Bun • Green Beans • Fava Puffs • Grapes, fresh Muncher • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Sunflower Seeds, Honey	25 BEEF TACO • Beef Taco Meat • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Vegetarian Refried Beans • Romaine Lettuce • Diced Tomatoes • Tortilla • Cilantro Lime Rice • Raisins	26 • Cheese Omelet • Hash Brown Rounds • Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch • Peach Cup • Goldfish Graham-Cinnamon Muncher • Vegetarian Refried Beans • Cheddar Cheese Dip Cup • Salsa

Updates

Popcorn Sale

- We will be selling popcorn every other Friday starting September 5th.
- .50 per bag



i-Ready Assessment

i-Ready is an online program for kindergarten through 8th-grade students in reading and mathematics that provides both adaptive diagnostic assessments and personalized digital instruction.

We will be giving this assessment to our scholars starting on Monday, September 2.



Volunteers

Your support is important. Your time is valued. Volunteers like you help:

- Ensure the success of vital extracurricular programs like music, theater, sports, and the arts
- Provide our teachers with additional hands, ears, eyes, and hearts on field trips, at school events, and in the classroom
- Ensure the smooth operation of many school activities that may be limited or not happen without you
- Help create a caring, supportive, inclusive environment for all of our scholars.

Applying to volunteer is easy!

<https://fs19.formsite.com/zS9QJU/vuormvwd5e/index.html>

PROUD VOLUNTEER

Reminders

Dismissal

Starts at 3:28 p.m.

Parents picking up students must stay in their vehicles until their child/children are directed to exit through door E.

Please wait outside door A until scholars exit for walkers.

Please ensure that students are picked up on time for dismissal. The main office should not hold scholars after dismissal time (3:28 p.m.)

Arrival

Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Make sure scholars are not dropped off before 8:00 a.m. as there is no supervision until 8:00 a.m.

General Ed scholars enter via door E.

Special Ed scholars enter via door C.

Pre-school scholars enter via door B.

Parent Concerns

Please inform the main office of any concerns about your child/children.

Please do not confront another child/children who are not yours, as it sends the wrong message to the students.

The safety of all children is our responsibility.

Important Phone Numbers

Mrs. Mateo (Main Office): 616-819-2505

Mrs. Rivera (Principal): 616-819-1649

Mr. James (Dean of Students) 616-819-7759

School Fax: 616-819-2502

Mr. Ryan (Nurse): 616-819-6424

Mr. Kraal (Health Aide): 616-819-1699

Ms. Birdsall (MDHHS): 616-819-3834

Ms. Collins (KSSN): 616-819-2585

Security: 616-819-2100

District Offices: 616-819-2000



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