

# Dayton Avenue School

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*Principal*

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Dear Dayton Avenue Families,

On behalf of the entire Dayton Avenue Elementary School, I want to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. The first day of school for students is almost here! I am excited and so are our teachers. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school!

Dayton Avenue School prides itself in the welcoming atmosphere that we create. This is a great place to learn and grow. This year, we will continue to support the academic growth of our students by using our updated curriculum and resources. I am happy to share that we will continue using Leader in Me and PBIS as we work to promote our students' academic, social and emotional growth. I am excited to see our students grow and celebrate their many successes along their journey of learning. Please be sure to follow me on Twitter @ShelitaWatkis and Instagram @principal\_das.

Tomorrow morning, you will be receiving an email from "[donotreply@esmonline.org](mailto:donotreply@esmonline.org)" that will include an activation key and the steps for establishing your Infinite Campus Parent Account. This will provide you access to view your child's teacher. Also attached are the screenshots you can follow to help you create your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account.

Please be sure to visit our school's webpage (click [here](#)) to see updated teacher letters, free and reduced lunch forms, and other important information. Information regarding transportation will be shared with families in the coming days.

For your convenience, these messages may be accessed from links on the home page. Beginning in September, all messages posted to the webpage will be found in the Virtual Backpack. Also, please review a copy of our student parent handbook which will outline important building procedures. It may be found under the "Important Links" section on the left side of our webpage.

I look forward to seeing our boys and girls on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 and parents and guardians on September 13, 2022 for our Open House.




Below are a few reminders.

**Transportation:** Bus routes will be posted to our webpage and placed in the virtual backpack. Should you then have any questions about bus routes, please contact our Transportation Coordinator at 631 801 3009.

**School Hours:** School hours are from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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**Front Entrance Access to Dayton Avenue School:** The interior doors of Dayton Avenue School will remain closed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. When students arrive after 8:30, they will be buzzed into the main lobby. Parents are asked to ensure their children enter the building before driving off.

**Morning Arrival:** Students may be dropped off beginning at 8:15 A.M. **In order to ensure appropriate supervision, please do not drop off children prior to 8:15 a.m.** If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please drop students off in the front of the building. We have a “kiss and ride” system in place. Please remain on line, in your cars. Children should exit your vehicle as close as possible to the front doors. If possible, please have your child exit using the door closer to the building. **For the safety of our children, please do NOT drop students off in the parking lot across from the main entrance or in the administrative lot. Your patience is appreciated as students exit.**

**Afternoon Dismissal:** Student dismissal for students being picked up begins at 2:46 p.m and buses depart at 3:00 p.m. Students who are not signed out are put on their assigned bus. Please provide a note to your child’s teacher if there are any planned changes to your regular afternoon dismissal procedure. The person picking up a child must be listed in Infinite Campus. If your child is being picked up, we ask that you notify us **no later than 2:30 p.m.** Photo identification is required when releasing a student from school.

**Absences/Tardiness:** If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the main office at 801-3085. If we do not receive a phone call noting the absence by 9 a.m., you will be included in an automated call that goes out to the parent/guardian phone numbers on file.

When your child returns to school, please provide a note that states the reason for the absence.

**Health and Allergy Awareness:** In accordance with district policy, food is not allowed as part of celebrations at Dayton Avenue School. Notices will be sent home to inform you if there are specific allergy alerts for your child’s class. **Please be reminded that all elementary buildings are Allergy Aware buildings.**

I look forward to working with our children and their families this school year.

Sincerely,

*Shelita Watkis*

Dr. Watkis



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