

July 7, 2017



FAIR School Crystal
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 763-971-4500

Dear Kindergarten Families:

On behalf of the staff at FAIR School Pilgrim Lane, I want to again welcome you and your kindergartener to our learning community for the 2017-2018 school year. This school year is going to be an epic and historic year as we foster a NEW learning community that brings out the academic and artistic excellence in all children. I officially take over the reins of both FAIR campuses: Crystal (4-8) and Pilgrim Lane (K-1) on July 18th after a two week vacation. I have never been more excited about the opportunity before us. More information will be sent to you in the weeks ahead as we gear up for an outstanding school year.

First Week’s Schedule for Kindergarten Families (different than all other grades)

On Tuesday, September 5 and Wednesday, September 6, kindergarten students and parents will meet with assigned teachers for 30-minute conferences. Teachers use this appointment time to get to know students and to test them on reading and math skills. In mid-August, we will mail out teacher assignments and instructions on how to schedule those conference appointment times. Please note that the electronic conference-scheduling window is not yet open, but we’ll notify you when it is!

Our school day begins at 8:05 am and ends at 2:30 pm.

To give teachers more time with each child and to give students a chance to get used to school, the first day of kindergarten will depend on student last names, as indicated below.

Monday, Sept. 4	Tuesday, Sept. 5	Wednesday, Sept. 6	Thursday, Sept. 7	Friday, Sept. 8
<p>Labor Day No School</p>	<p>Kindergarten Conferences/Testing, by appointment. In August, our offices will mail information on how to register online for these conferences. * Please be prepared to stay at school for about 30 minutes while your child is tested.</p>		<p>First day of school for students with last names A-L</p> <p>(*No school for last names M-Z)</p> <p>A parent must attend 1st 30 minutes of school day.</p>	<p>First day of school for students with last names M-Z</p> <p>(*No school for last names A-L)</p> <p>A parent must attend 1st 30 minutes of school day.</p>

On Monday, September 11, **all** students report to school and follow the regular school schedule, arriving on their respective assigned buses, as walkers, or via parent vehicle at Parent Drop-Off.

You **must** accompany your kindergarten child to school on the first day and stay for the first 30 minutes. Parental attendance on this day helps us ensure all necessary paperwork and school supplies are turned in and bus tags are filled out properly. If possible, please plan to arrange childcare for your younger children, so you can focus your attention solely on your kindergarten child. Unless your child walks home or goes has a standing parental pick-up arrangement, s/he will go home on the bus after completing the first full day of school.



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Open House

Our FAIR Pilgrim Lane Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 30th from 4:30 pm to 6 pm. Open House is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher and future classmates and to see the new learning space at FAIR Pilgrim Lane. You will receive a welcome packet filled with important paperwork that will need to be submitted on the first day of school as well as a lanyard for your child's bus tag.

Transportation

You will receive bus information via U.S. mail in late August or early September. The bus tag will need to be cut out and inserted into the lanyard. Please make sure your child wears the bus tag for the first *two weeks* of school. If your child will attend kindergarten from a child care location, or return to a child care location, the address of the child care belongs on the bus tag. If you have questions, please contact the Robbinsdale Schools Transportation Dept. at 763-504-8107.

If your student is a bus rider: prior to the first day of school, please make sure you have taken your student to their assigned bus stop and taught them how to walk to and from their stop and home. Please plan on dropping and picking up your student from their bus stop for the first week of school, or until he/she feels comfortable traveling between their stop and home.

If your student is a walker: prior to the first day of school, please make sure you have walked your student to and from school and identified which door they should enter.

Necessary Records

Please help us ensure up-to-date records by double-checking the following list of required items for completion of your child's kindergarten enrollment. If any of these items is missing, please call the office at 763-971-4506.

- Registration Form
- Student Health Info Form
- Special Education Form
- Home Language Form
- Immunization Record
- Copy of Your Child's Birth Certificate
- Summary Page from Early Childhood Screening

Immunizations

Kindergarten children **must** have completed immunization records at school before the first day of school. Children whose records have not been provided to the health office will be **excluded from school** until the records are provided.

We at FAIR Pilgrim Lane Elementary School sincerely hope your child's first day of kindergarten will be an enjoyable one. We appreciate your assistance in making school a positive experience for all concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Randy Moberg'.

Randy Moberg, FAIR School Principal