



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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Dear Kirkbride Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kirkbride! If you are new to our Kirkbride Family, thank you for choosing our school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Our team is busy at work preparing for a great start to the year. As you prepare for your child's return, I want to provide you with information to plan ahead:

All students should arrive on Monday, August 29, between 8:30am - 8:50am.

The school day begins promptly at 9:00am in classrooms!

- Kindergarten students are dropped off by families directly in classrooms (103 or 109)

Note: only Kindergarten Parents are permitted to enter the building each morning. If you also have a child in an upper grade, please drop them off in the schoolyard (grade 1-5) or 7th Street Door (grade 6-8).

The first 5 days for Kindergarten will be half days, August 29 - September 2.

Only K students will dismiss at 12:25pm.

Parents should line up at the Dickinson Street entrance around 12:20pm to pick up their child and bring ID. All students in Grade 1-8 will dismiss at 3:30pm.

New students (including Kindergarten) must be registered before the first day of school. You can come to the Kirkbride School between 9am-12pm any weekday before August 29 to register your child. Please check the School District's Website for information and documents needed for [New Student Registration](#). Students returning in Grades 1-8 do not need to register.

Beginning next week, your child's teacher will be in touch to introduce themselves and share similar information, and meantime I wanted to provide you with reminders that were shared during our spring open house.

- ❖ All students must wear a uniform. Please visit our website [HERE](#) for uniform details.
- ❖ Sunrise will be partnering with us again this year to offer FREE after care only (they will not be offering before care for SY22-23). Please visit their Website for information and application: sunriseofphila.org/school-year
- ❖ All students must have up to date physical and immunization records, please visit [SDP's Student Health Website](#) for complete information.

All students are eligible for FREE breakfast and lunch. This year, we will only offer breakfast before morning admission. If your child would like to eat breakfast at school, they should arrive



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between 8:15am-8:45am to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Students will be escorted to their classroom by a staff member. Breakfast will no longer be eaten in the classroom, so they should arrive early if they would like the school breakfast. Lunch is served daily to all students, or students may choose to pack a lunch. All students K-8 participate in recess daily. Please make sure that students wear sneakers for this reason.

IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we recognize that COVID continues to be a public health concern. The School District of Philadelphia is also committed to ensuring we can best serve all students and staff safely inside of our buildings. Therefore, SDP has updated their [COVID policies for SY22-23](#), and you are encouraged to read the full information. [A letter summarizing the policies was sent to families on August 12, 2022](#). We will continue to test students for COVID if they develop symptoms while in school, and this requires parents/guardians to complete a [Consent Form](#) prior to the start of school (this electronic form is available at the link in all languages). Students are encouraged to get vaccinated, and you can find information and resources for vaccinations [HERE](#).

Please be advised that all SDP students and staff are required to wear a mask for the first 10 days of school, August 29 - September 9. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this policy to ensure our community's health and safety!

We encourage all families to get connected with our Home and School Association! You can sign up by emailing kirkbridehsa@gmail.com or completing a short form [HERE](#) and follow on Instagram @kirkbride_hsa for exciting highlights.

Kindergarten families—please join our HSA, Kindergarten Teachers and Principal Julien for a casual meet up at Gold Star Park (625 Wharton St.) on Wednesday, August 24, 5:00-7:00pm!

Please note that our website is in the process of being updated. Some information, like the uniform policy, is correct while other information may be outdated. Thank you for your patience as we work to update this. I encourage you to regularly check the School District of Philadelphia's Website (<https://www.philasd.org/>) for ongoing updates and information throughout the school year.

Please stay tuned for information on our upcoming Back To School Night! Time and Date will be announced soon, and we will invite students and families to visit us as we kick off the start of the 2022-2023 school year!

We look forward to welcoming our students on Monday, August 29 by 8:50am. See you then!

Thank you,
Principal Julien