



DISSTON ELEMENTARY

6801 Cottage St. | Philadelphia, PA 19135 | Phone: 215.400.3350 Grades K-8

Welcome Back August 2024

Hello Disston Families,

Below you will find important information about the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

We hope you are having an enjoyable, fun-filled summer and can't wait to see you all on September 5th.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

The first day of school will be August 26, 2024 for all students in Grades K through 8.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Students were notified of their new room assignments by their teacher in June. If you are unsure of your child's room assignment, staff will be around the perimeter of the building on August 26th to assist.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Kindergarten students' first day will be August 26, 2024.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:45 AM August 26th thru August 30th so that families can participate in the Kindergarten Interviews.

Teachers will call to arrange the date and time the week prior to conferences. We are all very excited to welcome our new Kindergarteners!

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

School hours are 8:15AM-2:54PM daily.

Doors will open for entry at 8:15AM and will close once the majority of students have entered.

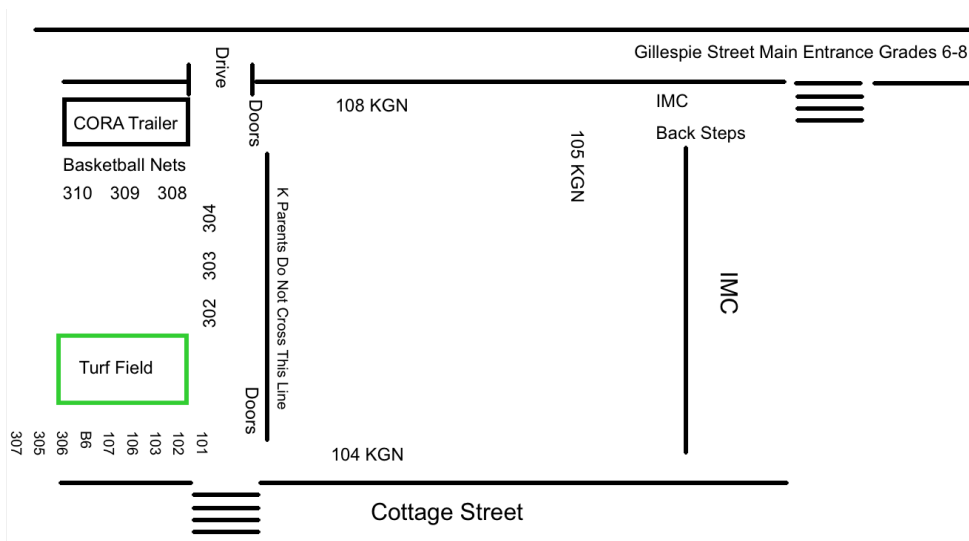
Students arriving after the doors have closed will need to enter through the Cottage Street Main Door Entrance and will be marked late for the day.

Parents/Guardians may not escort their children to their classroom. Students will enter the building via a specified location according to grade level as identified below:

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ADMISSION AT 8:15AM

- Cottage Yard entrance - Grades K-3 will line up at their designated line in the schoolyard
- Gillespie Yard entrance - Grade 4-5 will line up at their designated line in the schoolyard
- Gillespie Main entrance - Grades 6-8 will enter the building through the Gillespie Street doors



STAGGERED DISMISSAL

The school day ends at 2:54 P.M.

Staggered Dismissal Schedule:

- 2:45 p.m.: Kindergarten escorted to their morning lines
- 2:50 p.m.: Grades 1-3 escorted to their morning lines
- 2:54 p.m.: Grades 4-6 escorted to the schoolyard
- 2:54 p.m.: Grades 7-8 escorted to the Gillespie Street Entrance

Students are expected to remain with their class until all students are picked up. Students who have not been picked by 2:54PM in the yard will be escorted back into the building.

If we all work together and adhere to the procedures, we can alleviate potentially dangerous situations for students. Always think safety first!

INCLEMENT WEATHER ADMISSION 8AM

Doors will open at 8AM. All K-3 students enter the building through the assigned doors on the Cottage Street side. Students in Grades 4-8 will enter through the Gillespie Street doors. All students are to report immediately to their assigned locations.

- Kindergarten and Grade 1 report to the cafeteria.
- Grades 2-5 report to the gym
- Grades 6-8 report to the auditorium.

AFTER 2:54PM FAMILIES WILL NEED TO PROVIDE ID AND BE LISTED ON THE EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM TO PICK UP A STUDENT FROM THE LATE ROOM.

UNIFORM POLICY

Students at Disston School are expected to be in FULL uniform every school day.

- GRADES K – 5: SOLID Navy Blue Polo or navy blue Disston t-shirt
- GRADES 6 – 8: SOLID Burgundy Polo or burgundy Disston t-shirt
- All Grades: A Disston hoodie
- All Grades: Khaki shorts or black gym shorts (knee length) September-October and April-June ONLY
- All Grades: Khaki or black pants, skirts, or jumpers
- No leggings or bike shorts AT ANY TIME

The following articles of clothing are unacceptable and are not be worn to school:

- Midriff tops, Halter tops, Spaghetti Strap or Sleeveless T- Shirts, Tank Shirts, Undershirts
- Shirts with inappropriate, derogatory or inflammatory printed statements
- Unstrapped shoes, Slides and flip-flops
- Soffe shorts, bike shorts, leggings
- Head wear other than for religious purposes (no sheistys, bandanas, scarves, hats, etc.)
- Sandals, Slides or flip-flops or open-toe shoes

FOOTWEAR

Sneakers, Shoes (closed shoe) only, Crocs worn in sports-mode only

GYM UNIFORM: Official Disston School Uniform (with sneakers)

PLEASE NOTE pursuant to SDP Policy:

Students may not wear a full face mask, also known as a "Sheisty mask" or "Sheisty" that covers their entire face with the exception of the student's eyes. This includes but is not limited to, ski masks or a balaclava. Masks such as these are a safety concern as it is impossible to identify an individual who is wearing a mask.

UNIFORM SHIRT SALE

All students will be provided with a complimentary school uniform shirt for the upcoming school year (2024/2025). If you would like to purchase additional uniform shirts for your child(ren), you will be able to purchase via Disston's SchoolCash site and your order will be delivered to the school. All orders are due no later than Friday, August 2nd.

The cost for a youth size shirt is \$9.50 and the cost for an adult size shirt is \$9.75. Please be sure to order the correct size for your child as we will not have surplus available to accommodate exchanges. All sales are FINAL.

Please click the link below to order a shirt via SchoolCash Online.

<https://philasd.schoolcashionline.com/>

SUMMER SUPPLY LISTS

Please see the supply lists [HERE](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

As we look toward the upcoming school year, please save the dates!

Tuesday, September 17th for Grades K thru 8 from 4:30 PM-6:30PM

Fondly,
Mrs. Hutz
Principal