

Dear Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We have been very busy this summer in preparation for the coming year, and we are so excited to share it with you. The first day of school for all elementary students is **Tuesday, September 3**. Our first week of school ends with our **Back to School Picnic** after school on **Friday, September 6 (details to follow)**.

New Elementary Student/Parent Orientation: Friday, August 30, 11:00-12:00. New Elementary families, please plan to attend with your child, and have your child bring a packed lunch. While Mona and Danika meet with parents to answer any questions, the students will enjoy a supervised lunch together up in the woods - the first of many for them!

Arrival and Dismissal: As you may note on our school calendar and in our School Handbook, arrival and dismissal times are as follows:

- Arrival: 8:00-8:15 at the side door. Class will begin promptly at 8:15. Should you arrive later, please walk your child to the front door.
- Dismissal: 3:30 at the front porch. Bus students will depart campus at 3:20.

Supply List: Please send the following items to school with your child the first week of school. Please put your child's name on each item!

- A set of 12-24 colored pencils
- A set of thin colored markers (not scented please)
- A set of watercolors
- A pack of #2 pencils (not plastic coated - they clog sharpeners)
- A pencil sharpener (manual, not electric)
- One pair of scissors
- A half-inch binder
- A spiral bound sketch book (similar to [this one at Wal-Mart](#), no smaller than 7x5 please)
- A pencil box or pouch to keep supplies contained

Clothing and Footwear - Please label everything with your child's name!

- All Elementary students must come in school uniform. Tops can be purchased through Land's End. Bottoms do not need to be Land's End, but must be black, blue, or khaki - no jeans. Please see the school handbook for further uniform information.
- A change of clothes to keep at school.
- A pair of classroom shoes, kept at school, close toed, with non-marking soles.
- Weather appropriate clothing for outdoors. This is important, as we aim to go outside as often as possible and rarely let the weather stop us!
- A backpack

A note on labeling: yes, it can be a pain to initial every little item. However, for supplies and clothing, this does the most to ensure your child knows their items and can take care of them. Remember, they can help you with the labeling process!

Lunch: Each student should bring the following for lunch each day

- Protein, fruits, and vegetables
- A labeled, reusable water bottle for use throughout the day. We ask that water be the only drink sent for your child.

- Please - no candy, gummies, or snack cakes. They will be happy enough to have those treats after school.

As a reminder, we are a peanut free campus. Mistakes happen, but should a student bring an item containing peanuts, it will be sent back home with them.

We hope to see many of you at **Campus Beautification Day** on **Sunday, August 25, from 1-4pm!**

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Mona or Danika.

All the best,
Mona, Danika, and Maria