

Dear Oakton Caregivers and Families,

I hope everyone is having a peaceful summer. The new school year is approaching and I can honestly say that I am very excited about all of us coming back together as an Oakton Community. **The first day of school is August 23, 2023 and starts at 9:05 am.**

There are a couple of things that I want to highlight to all of you to ensure you all have the information that you need in the coming week.

Highlights:

- You should be receiving a welcome email from your child's teachers within the next couple of weeks explaining who they are and welcoming you to their classroom.
- D65 is supplying all school supplies, so do not worry about purchasing school supplies for your students if you choose too.
- Please review the school calendar to ensure that you are aware of the vacation days and half days: [District 65 Calendar](#)

Drop and Pick up Logistics

Student Drop Off logistics:

There is some logistical information that I want to share with you as well when dropping off/picking your child off to school on the morning of **August 23, 2023**. We are going to the original drop off logistics before the pandemic.

Students can be dropped off at 8:40am to eat a supervised breakfast in the cafeteria. Supervision on the K-2 playground and Basketball courts do not start until 8:50. Thus, if your child does not eat breakfast, they will need to be dropped off at 8:50am.

Students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade will need to be dropped off at the K-2 playground located off of Austin at 8:50am. There will be signs to direct parents to the double doors that students can enter through. There are assigned staff members that will be waiting on the playground to supervise.

3-5 Grade students will be dropped off in front of the school and will be allowed to play on the big playground before lining up in their class lines on the basketball court at 8:50am.

All students on both playgrounds will begin lining up at 8:55am and will begin to enter the school building at 9:00 am in preparation for learning at 9:05am..

Student Pick Up Logistics:

Students can be picked up at the following dorr locations around Oakton at 3:35pm:

Door 3 - (Located on Austin Avenue) - 2nd Grade (except Mrs. Rodriguez) and Kindergarten

Door 6 - Ms. Rodriguez and 1st Grade

Door 11 - 3rd Grade, 5th Grade

Door 8 - 4th Grade

Returning Summer Workbook Materials

Please remember to have your child return their summer workbook materials to their new teachers this year. Remember, the workbooks do not have to be completed, just returned. Then students will be able to use the workbooks during the school year as extra work.

Oakton Back to School Coffee

Save the Date: Oakton Back to School Coffee

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL COFFEE

Wednesday, August 23, 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Parents and caregivers are invited to stay for coffee and donuts after drop-off on the first day of school. The event is planned for the school garden area, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the coffee will be moved indoors.

Learn more about the Oakton PTA here: <https://www.oaktonschoolpta.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/393606994410888>

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

If you have not done so, here is the link to the Free and Reduced Lunch applications for your child. Please click on the link below and fill out the application as soon as possible so your child does not have to pay for lunch.

[Oakton Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#)

Before and After School Programming Sign-up

We have had very successful before and after school programming at Oakton. Please take the time to sign your child up for before and after school programming by clicking on the link below. We look to make this programming even more successful for our Oakton Community.

[Right After School Before and After school Programming.](#)

I want to thank all of our Oakton family and caregivers for all that you do. We appreciate you and our educators look forward to working in partnership with you -always.

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Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes.

Todos los niños, todos los días, cueste lo que cueste.