



Oakmont Elementary School

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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Oakmont Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I am truly honored to be serving as principal at Oakmont Elementary School this year, and look forward to positively impacting every student's academic growth and school experience. I have spent twenty-seven years with Columbus City Schools and am excited to be joining the Oakmont community. Parents and families, teachers, support staff, community and administration all play a part in helping our students meet and exceed our expectations. You will find that my door is always open and I am here to support you in any way possible. Together we can ensure student success and impact our students' growth in a positive and powerful way. We are going to have an amazing year together!

Please take a moment to read through this information with your child. Please especially review the details about arrival and dismissal, breakfast and lunch and our school hours. The first few days will be busy and exciting, so please be patient as we dismiss the students. Please [carefully review our dismissal procedure](#). Questions about this procedure can be directed to your child's teacher or the school office. Please visit our school website for the school supply list as well as other important information <https://www.ccssoh.us/OakmontES>. Copies of the school supply list will also be available in the school office between 8:15 am – 3:30 pm.

We will have a **Back to School Ice Cream Social** on **Monday, August 19th** from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. We will have resources and time to meet the teachers and staff. We believe it is helpful for children and parents alike to stop by the school to say hello to teachers/staff and celebrate the beginning of the school year. Building access will be limited, as classroom teachers are still putting finishing touches on classrooms, but teachers welcome the opportunity to meet and greet their students on this special day. Please join us!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-Wednesday, August 21, 2024 is the first day of school for students in grades 1 – 5. Our Kindergarten students will begin on Monday, August 26th. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the first day of school and they are on time and ready to transition into school routine.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE/ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL - It is very important for students to arrive on time for school each day so they can take advantage of breakfast and possible learning opportunities. However, students should not arrive prior to 8:30 am as there is no adult supervision at this time.

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH- ALL students enrolled in Columbus City Schools qualify for a free breakfast AND free lunch EVERY DAY! There is no application or income verification required. This program is funded through the US Department of Agriculture, at no cost to Columbus City Schools. Breakfast begins at 8:30 am and ends at 8:55 am daily.

BUSES- Your child's bus stop, route number, and pick-up and arrival times are on the Parent Portal (included in this mailing). You should make sure your Parent Portal is updated as that will have the most current transportation information. Please do not wait until the first day of school because you may encounter a much longer wait time with the high call volume on that day. Your child should be at the bus stop 5 – 10 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up time. Due to unforeseen circumstances, buses may run late at the beginning of the year, please be patient as we “work out the kinks” and please don't hesitate to contact Transportation. If you still require assistance, please contact the building and we can try to assist as well.

STUDENT PICK UP POLICY/CHANGES IN DISMISSAL ROUTINE- Your child's safety is very important to us. Please remember you must bring a picture ID each time you wish to pick up your child during school hours and only those individuals listed as your child's emergency contacts in the parent portal may pick up your child (and these individuals must provide a picture ID as well). Please also keep in mind, no students will be released between 3:00 and 3:30 pm while the building staff focuses on a safe and orderly dismissal.

If you wish to change your child's routine dismissal procedure, please send a written note each day you wish to make the change. If it is a last-minute change, please feel free to contact the main office prior to 2:30 pm. Any changes in routine dismissal after 2:30 pm will require building principal approval. It is very difficult and potentially unsafe to ensure ALL necessary individuals are informed so close to our building dismissal time. Please make every effort to send a written note with your dismissal changes.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you ever have any questions or concerns, stop by to visit or give us a call. The staff and I look forward to a high achieving year. We will see you at the Back to School Ice Cream Social on Monday, August 19th from 4:30 pm - 6:00pm.

Sincerely,

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