

## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!

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Welcome to our new and returning families. Please help us welcome **37** new families to our school! This is going to be a great year with many exciting happenings. Read on to find out some of the things we have in store for you.

### A WONDERFUL START!

We hope you all are happy with your choice of school and that the new school jitters are lessening with each new day at school. We really love having your children with us and are excited for a great year ahead.

### “OPEN DOOR” POLICY

Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Yarger share Director duties. Mrs. Schroeder is the Director of Curriculum while Mrs. Yarger is the Director of Admissions/Operations. PLEASE feel free to visit either of us at any time. We would love to chat with you and learn about your family and also to address any concerns or ideas you may have to make our school better. Due to our Covid policy, a phone call or chatting outside might be a better idea.

### PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

We would love to mention your business in our Newsletter if you think your fellow families would be interested. We love to promote and support our own! Any business is welcome. Mrs. Schroeder sells 31 bags and Mrs. Merrill sells Mary Kay, just as an example.

**FALL FIELD TRIP:** We are going to go on some virtual field trips this year. As the teachers introduce different topics, we will look for interesting videos to enhance what we are learning in the classroom. Hopefully our Spring Field trip will be an actual trip!

### FATHER’S “FRIDAY”! Oct. 2—Oct. 4. “A Starry Night”

We have lots of fun activities planned for Dad (or special Male Friend) and the kids the weekend of October 2. This is a Stay At Home activity and more information will be coming soon.

### LUNCH BUNCH

We are pleased to welcome all of our Lunch Bunch friends this year! In Lunch Bunch we start at 11:15. We eat our lunches with our friends and discuss our mornings. We will enjoy additional fun room time too. Each month will bring a new theme for exploration. We will read literature, explore the gardens, and create art projects. While weather allows we will also play outdoor games and enjoy the playgrounds. Please remember that the pick up time for Lunch Bunch this year is 12:45. We have a no peanut & tree nut policy. This means no peanut butter, almond butter, Nutella, etc. Sun butter (made of sunflower seeds) is acceptable. *If you send sunbutter, it is helpful to write on the bag so that we can identify the difference.* We look forward to a good year! Please contact Stacey to check on availability for the days you are interested. There is a limit of 9 students per day to conform with our Covid policy.

### Dates to Remember:

- SEPT 7: Labor Day, no school
- SEPT 8: Lunch Bunch starts
- Sept. 10: Dance Class Starts
- Sept. 15 and 16: Color of the day, Wear RED
- Sept. 24 and 25 Spirit Days. Wear Green or a First School shirt
- Sept. 27—October 2: Photo Week
- Oct. 2—4: Father’s Friday Stay At Home Weekend.

Thank you to everyone who placed a SPIRIT WEAR order! The orders will be placed on 9/4 and should be arriving within the next few weeks. We will have our first Spirit Wear days on Sept. 24 and 25. Wear Green if you don’t have logo wear.

**WE COLLECT BOX-TOPS! Please download the BoxTops Ap and follow instructions. Thanks! More soon...**

### PICK UP AND DROP OFF - You are doing really well.

Please review the following safety procedures:

1. You **MUST** hold your car tag up until the teacher is putting your child in the car. This is not done to frustrate you – it is for your child’s safety and your convenience.
2. If you do not have your car tag you will need to provide your driver’s license.
3. Pick up times are 11:10 for morning, 12:45 for Lunch bunch, and 2:15 for afternoon.
4. Once your child is in your car, please pull up as far as you can next to the pond to assist them in buckling.
5. At PICK UP time in the MORNING please use BOTH LANES. Thanks! In the AFTERNOON please use the closest lane to school only.
6. At DROP OFF, please do not get out of your car if you are in line. The teacher will open the car door and get your child out. But please try to unhook your childseat latch before this. It really helps with the traffic flow.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Kerin Campbell, of Campbell Photography will once again take photographs of your children. Weather permitting, she'll take outdoor photos.

The dates for Fall Photos are September 28–Oct. 2. You will receive an order form soon detailing your day.

### How Our World Has Changed due to Covid 19!

Dear Parents: We hope you are as happy as we are that we are all able to be back in our actual building enjoying each other's company in person! All of the children are doing really well with our new policies and don't seem to mind the changes. They're just happy to be back to something close to "normal"!

We will be getting a new 2020-21 School Calendar to you soon as we have had to take away a lot of the in person activities and events we have enjoyed in the past. But we are not going to let that stop the fun. Creativity and flexibility are the names of the new Covid game and we are up to the challenge. We will miss seeing you in the building and really hope that things may change in the Spring and that you will be able to come on over and have in person experiences. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we incorporate the changes. We know the car line is taking longer than usual as we must take temperatures but feel that it will get faster with each week.

Please inform your friends that we still have spaces for new children and would welcome them with open arms!

### FACEBOOK

Be sure to like us on Facebook. We can be found at FirstSchool-Dayton. We try to post fun photos to let you see what is going on at school as well as post reminders about upcoming events. A big **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Jen Lubbers for being the Admin and Social Media Director this year!

### MONTHLY EXPLORERS

CLUB activities are on hold for the time being. We hope to be able to offer them again in the Spring.

### TUITION INFO and Notes from The Office:

Tuition is paid in 9 equal installments. The first installment was billed and paid in August. The next installment will be billed around September 15 and payment will be due on the 30th. The rest of the installments will follow from October through April with billing on the 15th and payment due by the last day of the month. Payment can be in cash or check. **NEW:** I will be sending the statements home in your child's bag from now on. Saving on stamps\$.

**EMAILS:** I send emails to you periodically and need to be updated if you have not received anything from me yet....I have sent a number of them out this year and am hoping you are receiving them. I send them from [info@firstschooldayton.com](mailto:info@firstschooldayton.com) or [Stacey@firstschooldayton.com](mailto:Stacey@firstschooldayton.com).

**BAGS:** If you need a new school bag, see Stacey. Thanks!