

# Selwyn Elementary School

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## Reach for the Stars!

August 2024

Dear Selwyn Elementary School Families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and new adventures. The hallways will soon be filled with positive energy and enthusiasm from our returning students and new students who will be joining the Selwyn family.

Our school theme this year is, "Reach for the Stars!" The Selwyn staff and I are committed to creating a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can reach their full potential. As we embark on this new academic school year, our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for the opening of school with engaging lessons and activities that will inspire and challenge our students. This year, we have many exciting plans that include welcoming a new program called the K-2 Developmental Separate Class, adding the Science Lab as a weekly special area class, and creating a Zen Room where students can use this space to recharge for the day.

Parents, I encourage you to get involved and stay connected through our various school events, volunteer opportunities, and Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Your partnership and support are essential to the success of our students and school. Please see below to prepare for the opening of school and contact information from our PTA.

### **Classroom List Day**

Selwyn Elementary has a tradition of posting each child's assigned teacher during what is known as "List Night." Class lists will be posted online only on Selwyn Elementary School's website at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Please note that all class assignments are temporary, pending an increase or decrease in enrollment as calculated on the twentieth day of school. This is a state procedure and our teacher allotments are funded by the state based upon enrollment. Any changes in class assignments will be communicated to parents prior to changes taking place.

### **School Supplies**

You may bring your child's school supplies on "Meet the Teacher" and leave them with the teacher. If your child will be riding the bus on the first day of school, I encourage you to bring their supplies so they can ride comfortably and bring any remaining supplies in as they are able. If you purchased supplies through the PTA, your child's teacher will have information as to how they will be distributed.

### **Transferring Families Meeting and "Meet the Teacher"**

"Meet the Teacher" will take place on Thursday, August 22, 2024. During "Meet the Teacher," your child will meet the teacher and visit the classroom. Transferring families will meet from 12:00 - 12:30 in the Media Center. The following is the schedule:

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Kindergarten School Tour (Optional)	10:00 - 10:30
Kindergarten Meet the Teacher	10:30 - 11:30
Kindergarten Popsicles on the Playground	11:30 - 12:00
Transferring Families (Media Center)	12:00 - 12:30
Extensions and K-2 Developmental Separate Classes	11:30 - 12:30
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Classes	12:30 - 2:30

## First Day of School

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 26, 2024. Our school day will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will end at 2:45 p.m. Morning car rider drop-off is available between 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. If you arrive after 7:45 a.m., you will be required to park, walk your child/children to the front office, and sign your child/children in with our front office staff. For that reason, I strongly encourage all families to utilize our bus transportation and/or create a carpool system with other families as we expect major traffic issues and congestion during the first few weeks of school.

## Kindergarten Information

The Kindergarten team and I are so excited to welcome our new Selwyn Eagles! Parents will receive a phone call from their child's Kindergarten teacher on Monday, August 19 or Tuesday, August 20 no later than 5:00 PM. The Kindergarten teacher will introduce herself and will notify parents of their child's staggered entry day. The Kindergarten school tour, which is optional for parents, will take place on Thursday, August 22 from 10:00 - 10:30. Immediately following the tour our Kindergarten students and parents will meet the teacher 10:30 - 11:30. Students will enjoy popsicles on the playground afterwards from 11:30 - 12:00.

Kindergarten attendance is staggered the first four days of school. Kindergarteners will only attend **one** of the first four days of school (August 26 - August 29, 2024). All Kindergarteners will report to school on Friday, August 30, 2024. Please call the school at 980-343-5835 if you have any questions.

## Bus Assignment

Important update regarding bus assignments for the 2024-2025 school year. CMS Transportation will no longer print and send home bus labels to CMS families. Beginning August 19, parents will be able to access bus stop information digitally through the "Here Comes the Bus" app, "AlphaRoute," or by calling CMS Transportation at 980-343-6715.

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## **First Day Folders**

A packet of information will be sent home with every child on the first day of school with very important forms. Please go through this entire packet and return all of the forms to your child's teacher no later than Friday, August 30, 2024. Kindergarten students will bring home their packets on their first full day of school, August 30, 2024. All Kindergarten students are to return their forms to their teacher no later than Friday, September 6, 2024.

## **Visitor/Volunteer Policy**

Please note that all visitors/volunteers must provide a photo identification card to enter any CMS school. To serve as a volunteer, you must register online via the CMS homepage. We are looking forward to working with you this school year!

## **Parent Teacher Association**

Parents, I strongly encourage you to join and become actively involved in our Selwyn Parent Teacher Association this year. Our PTA will have information available as well as a chance for you to become a PTA member at "Meet the Teacher" on August 22, 2024. Let's all work together to make our PTA as strong as it can possibly be for the sake of our students. They definitely deserve it. I encourage all families to visit the PTA website at [selwynpta.org](http://selwynpta.org) and sign up for the Eagle Email to stay informed about all things Selwyn.

Enjoy the final days of summer break!

Educationally yours,



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