

Dear Duval Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming the kids back to school including our Kindergarten Class of 2032 and new students! It's an exciting time of year! "Rise to the Challenge" is the theme that will carry us throughout the 2019-2020 year. This theme comes from Disney's new version of the Lion King movie and will connect to our school culture in any way possible. As you can see, I have some new props; Simba and Nala have welcomed me into their pride! Students should be returning a [summer reading bookmark](#) that connects to this theme and we are aiming for full participation!



RISE stands for:

- Respect yourself and others
- Improve the situation
- Show kindness
- Empathize with others

School starts on Wednesday, August 28, for all of our students. To kick off the year, the Back-to-School Open House is Tuesday, August 27, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. This is a K-5 event to give students a chance to meet teachers and classmates. Students new to bus transportation will also have a chance to climb aboard a school bus near our front entrance. Duval PTO is hosting an Ice Cream Social during the Open House and a Kindergarten Playdate on August 26th ([see attached flyer for playdate details](#)). Please follow our PTO on social media for all the latest happenings:

- Facebook: Duval School PTO
- Twitter: @PTODuval
- Instagram: @DuvalPTO

Please note that Friday, August 30, is an Early Release Day. Dismissal is at 12:10 PM. Students do not have lunch at school on ER Days but bagged lunches to bring home are available if needed. **There are no Half-Day Kindergarten classes on Early Release Days.** The "[Breakfast in the Classroom](#)" program will start on the first of school. Please see the attached letter for details and Opt-Out form.

Establishing and maintaining regular dismissal routines is very important to the safety of your child and our students - around 450 of them! Below are the arrival and dismissal procedures - there are no dismissal changes from last year. Our doors open at 9:00 AM and our day officially starts at 9:15 AM. All students should be in their classroom by 9:15 AM. There is a dismissal form below for you to share with us how your child will be dismissed daily (walker, car rider, bus/van, extended day). Please complete the form and give it to the classroom teacher at the Open House. Blank forms will be available in each classroom. For student safety, it is important for families and caregivers to adhere to your set schedule as much as possible. **Any change in**

the regular dismissal routine will need to be communicated to the school in writing before 9:30 AM. We truly appreciate your effort in helping us create a calm and safe school environment.

Lastly, you can help our school raise funds by connecting your Stop & Shop Card to our school. In May, Stop and Shop gave us a check for over \$1000 simply because 102 families connected their cards. Thank you! Those funds helped us buy items for the new Kindergarten classroom! Visit stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS & SAVINGS to select your school. Our school name is **John H. Duval School, and ID# 08441**

- If you do not have an online account, visit stopandshop.com and click **REGISTER**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the instructions listed above.
- You'll need your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and the School ID # OR, if you need assistance call 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1
- If you have already linked your account to Duval - No action required :-)

On behalf of the entire Duval staff, we are looking forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 School Year. Enjoy the last days of summer!

~ Dr. Foley

Here's what is coming up!

August

Aug. 26	PTO Kindergarten Play Date 5:00-6:30 PM
Aug. 27	Duval Open House 4:30-6:00 w/ PTO Ice Cream Social in Cafe and Transportation/Bus
Aug. 28	First Day of School for all students K-12
Aug. 30	All School Meeting (assembly)
Aug. 30	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:10 PM, No HDK

September

Sept. 2 - No School, Labor Day
Sept. 10 - Duval PTO Meeting, 6-7PM Library
Sept. 10 - SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) WHRHS Library 6-8PM
Sept. 27 - All School Meeting

[WHRSD 2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

Arrival Procedures for Bus/Van Riders, Walkers, or Bikers

- Duval School doors open at **9:00 a.m** and all children should be in the building by 9:15 am. Students entering the school after 9:15 will be marked tardy.
- Bus and van students are dropped off in front of the school.
- Students who walk or bike to school should enter through the **last entrance** (the entrance closest to South Avenue) in front of the school.

Arrival Procedures for Drop-Off by Car

- Duval School doors open at **9:00 a.m** and all children should be in the building by 9:15 am. The earlier they arrive, the better! Students entering the school after 9:15 will be marked tardy.
- Cars will follow the arrows around the back of the school to the area designated as “Pick Up/Drop Off” zone. Yellow double-lines are painted on the pavement to designate the zone.
- At 9:00 AM, staff members will guide traffic and students. Children should stay in cars until the vehicle is in the designated zone and a staff member is present. Adults can stay in their cars unless children need help getting out of the car.
- If possible, have your child get out of the vehicle on the **driver’s side** so that he/she does not need to walk between cars.
- Children should walk along the double yellow line to the recess entrance or cross over the grass to the sidewalk. Children are not permitted to walk between parked cars.
- **Please do your best to keep the flow of cars moving safely and efficiently by not getting out of your car yourself or leaving your car parked in this area. It is for pick-up/drop-off only!**

Dismissal Procedures for Bus/Van Riders, Walkers, Bikers, and Extended Day

- Dismissal begins at 3:20 PM. Van riders, Walkers, bikers, and extended-day will be dismissed first at 3:20pm.
- Bus riders will follow office announcements and be dismissed accordingly. Students will load onto buses through the main lobby or middle doors.
- Walkers and bikers will exit through the doors closest to South Avenue.

Dismissal Procedures for Pick-Up by Car

- Each family will receive a placard with the last name of the student to be used for Car Pick-Up. The placard should be placed on the dashboard and visible to staff members

during pick-up. Since we have new staff members and new students, please don't be offended if you are asked to produce an ID during pick-up.

- Car riders will be dismissed from classrooms at 3:20 pm. Students will exit the school from the recess playground area and will wait to be picked up in a designated area.
- Cars should follow the road around the back of the school to the area designated as "Pick-Up/Drop-Off" zone. Adults need to stay in the car unless children need help getting in the car and seatbelted in. Yellow double-lines are painted on the pavement to designate the zone where students will load.
- We will load the 6 to 7 cars that are in the pick-up/drop-off zone at a time.
- Please do not exit the area until a staff member has notified that it is safe for you to do so.
- **Please do your best to keep the flow of cars moving safely and efficiently by not getting out of your car yourself or leaving your car parked in this area. It is for pick-up/drop-off only!**

Please drive cautiously!! Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe.

Duval School Dismissal Form 2019-2020

Please indicate how your child will go home each day during the school year. Please complete a separate form for each child and deliver to the classroom teacher.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Monday _____ Bus/Van # _____ _____ Car Pick-Up _____ Walker _____ Extended Day

Tuesday _____ Bus/Van # _____ _____ Car Pick-Up _____ Walker _____ Extended Day

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ (print) _____

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