

**Cliffside Park Public Schools**  
**School No. Five**  
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Dear School No. 5 Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are very excited for our students to return to school and we have been preparing our building all summer for your child's education, health, and safety.

As we gear up for an exciting year, please take a moment to note important dates and procedures below:

- **September 8, 2021** is our **Kindergarten Orientation**. Details will follow from your child's teacher.
- **September 9, 2021** is the **first day** for grades **Kindergarten through four**. Please see below for **ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES** and be sure to arrive promptly every day.
- **September 10, 2021** is **Pre-K Orientation**. Details will follow from your child's teacher.
- **September 13, 2021** is the **first day of Pre-K**. Please see below for **ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES** and arrive promptly for your child's assigned session.
- **September 27, 2021** is **Parent Visitation Night!** Details are forth-coming!

<b>ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES</b>
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**AM PRE-KINDERGARTEN:**

- **Entrance:** AM Pre-K students will enter through the back lot no earlier than 8:50 a.m. accompanied by an adult and proceed to the small gated area to line up (cones will designate classes).
- **Dismissal:** AM Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. Students will be walked back to the gated area in the back lot with their teachers to be reunited with parents and caregivers.

**PM PRE-KINDERGARTEN:**

- **Entrance:** PM Pre-K students accompanied by an adult will line up in front of the Summit Avenue Door #8 no earlier than 12:20 p.m.(cones will designate classes).
- **Dismissal:** PM Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Students will be walked back to the gated area in the back lot with their teachers to be reunited with parents and caregivers.

**GRADES K-4: ENTRANCE**

- Students in grades K-4 will enter through the Day Avenue entrance (Door #1) no earlier than 8:20 a.m. (unless enrolled in Breakfast Club). The curb on Day Avenue will be designated as a "Kiss and Drop Off" zone. Students will enter through the main door where our security guard will be positioned until the late bell rings at 8:40 a.m.
- At 8:40, the security guard will close and lock the front door for the remainder of the day and assume security procedures from the guard booth in the back. Students arriving after the late bell at 8:40, must enter through the security booth in the back. **PLEASE BE SURE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME!**

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- Once students enter the building, they will be directed by teachers on duty as to whether they should proceed to the outside lot (weather permitting) or to the gym.

**GRADES K-4: ENTRANCE**

- **Dismissal locations are as follows:**
  - Grade K-Rutz: Gate to left of Door #2 (Rothwell Avenue)
  - Grade K-Maldonado: Door #1 (Day Avenue)
  - Grade 1-Brown & Grade 1-Moon: Door #6 (Parking Lot)
  - Grade 2-Vento & Grade 2-Handras: Door #8 (Summit Avenue)
  - Grade 3-Maurizio & Grade 3-Robles: Door #1 (Day Avenue)
  - Grade 4-Orso & Grade 4-Rodriguez: Door #2 (Rothwell Avenue)

**PLEASE NOTE: Parents will not be granted permission to enter the building without an appointment or contact with the main office. Parents who are granted permission, must report directly to the main office. At no point should a parent go to a classroom.**

These procedures have been designed in consultation with the CPPD and aligned to school security guidelines. I am asking for your cooperation, understanding, and patience as we renew the routines of our Entrance and Dismissal Plan.

If you need supply lists, please visit: [www.cliffsidepark.edu](http://www.cliffsidepark.edu).

Finally, as we begin our new academic year I encourage and urge you to be an active participant in your child's education. During the course of the school year, I will share ideas, resources, and announcements through various modes. Here are a few ways to connect to School No. 5 right away!

- ★ Follow School No. 5 on Twitter! [@CPPSNo5](https://twitter.com/CPPSNo5)
- ★ Follow us on Instagram! [cliffsideparkschool5](https://www.instagram.com/cliffsideparkschool5)
- ★ Friend us on Facebook! Our school page is: [Cliffside Park #5 Elementary School](https://www.facebook.com/CliffsidePark#5ElementarySchool).
- ★ Receive text messages through our [Cliffside Park District App](#)! Download the App at the App Store and select School 5 in settings!
- ★ We also have principal and teacher websites that will be full of information on the School 5 page of our district site: [www.cliffsidepark.edu](http://www.cliffsidepark.edu).

Enjoy the last few days of summer! I will see you soon!

Warm regards,

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