



OCONTO FALLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Oconto Falls Elementary School

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Commitment to Excellence

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Greetings!

On behalf of the staff of Oconto Falls Elementary School, it is our pleasure to welcome you back for the 2022-23 school year! We hope that your family has had an enjoyable summer and that students are refreshed and ready to start the year!

General Information

- **Our first day of school for students 5K - Grade 5 is Thursday, September 1.**

Early Release Days

- **On the first and third Wednesday of each month, students will have a two hour early release at 1:15 p.m.** The purpose of this early release is to effectively collaborate as educators to close identified student achievement gaps and to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- **The first early release day is on September 21.**
- **Our 4K morning and afternoon classes** will alternate attendance on the early release days. The school day for 4K students on these days will be 7:55 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to eat both breakfast and lunch at school.
 - **Morning classes** will attend school the 1st Wednesday of each month beginning October 5.
 - **Afternoon classes** will attend school the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning September 21.

Kids Station (School Age Childcare Program)

- Kids Station will be running as in past years. We will be open when school is in session.
- Kids Station will be open on early release days for families utilizing the program on other days.
- If you would like more information or are interested in enrolling your child in Kids Station, please contact the school office or visit <https://ofpanthers.com/sacc-kid-station/>.

Meals

- For the last 2 years, Oconto Falls School District has been able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. The waiver that allowed the free meals to all students has ended and meals will go to paid or free and reduced (if your families qualify) starting this fall. Oconto Falls Schools serves breakfast and lunch each day. Instead of paying full price, your family may qualify for a reduced rate or free meals. To determine if you qualify, you will need to fill out a free and reduced application for the 2022-2023 school year. Filling out an application also helps to financially support other programs in our district such as technology, internet access, and discounted fees.
- Paid meal prices this school year are:
 - Breakfast: \$2.00
 - Lunch: Grades 4K-5: \$2.85

Online Registration

- Please complete online registration through Skyward Family Access. The online registration process is similar to that of prior years. **All families need to complete this process each year.**

- Online Registration updates all important family information and other pertinent school information. **All Oconto Falls Elementary School families MUST complete online registration by Friday, August 27 (11:59 PM).**
- If you need assistance with this process, please call the elementary office (920)848-4476, ext. 0, to set up an appointment.

Parent Meeting / Orientations / Open House

- **4K Parent Meeting - Monday, August 22**
 - Attend at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
 - Meet in the OFES Gym
 - Parents will receive information regarding the 4 Year Old Kindergarten program and upcoming school year.
- **5K through 5th Grade Open House - Tuesday, August 30**
 - 3:30-6:00 p.m.
 - Informal meetings will take place in individual teacher classrooms; parents/students may drop off school supplies at this time.
 - An ice cream social will be held in the gym. Sponsored by PIE.

Picture Days

- Wednesday, September 14 (Grade 2 - Grade 5)
- Thursday, September 15 (4K, 5K, Grade 1)

School Day

- **Morning 4K classes begin at 8:05 a.m. and dismiss at 10:55 a.m.** Students whose parents provide transportation to school are to arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. and no later than 8:05 a.m.
- **Afternoon 4K classes begin at 12:05 p.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m.** Students whose parents provide transportation to school are to arrive no earlier than 12:05 p.m. and no later than 12:15 p.m.
- **5K through 5th grade classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m.** Students whose parents provide transportation to school are to arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. and no later than 8:05 a.m. Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:50 a.m., except in cases of severe weather, when they are allowed inside the entryways.

Teacher Assignments

- Homeroom teacher assignments can be viewed within Skyward Family Access. Adjustments may need to be made to class lists. If changes regarding your child's classroom placement need to be made, they will be communicated with you.

Transportation

- Bus tags - Busing information will now be found on family access. Grades 4K-3 will get temporary bus tags. All bus riders will receive bus tags on the first day of school. **PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL ADDRESSES ARE CORRECT.** Contact the transportation office with corrections immediately (920/848-4460).
- Please notify Oconto Falls Elementary if you intend to drop off or pick up your child rather than ride district provided transportation. If your student will walk to their after school destination, please also let us know that, along with the address they will be walking to.

In closing, we would like to thank you in advance for your support; we look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,

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