

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2024

The First Day of School is Tuesday, September 3rd with Dismissal at 12:10 p.m.



Arrival Process

School Begins at 8:55 a.m.

Arrival Times

- **8:40** Students can arrive on school grounds** prior to this time there will be no supervision for students**
- 8:50 The first bell rings and students can enter the building
- 8:55 School Begins

if your child arrives at school by car, after 8:55 a.m., you will need to park in a parking spot and walk your child to the front door

Students Walking, Biking, or Arriving By Car

Students are able to arrive at school starting at 8:40 a.m. Students will line up in the back of the school. Each class has a designated line-up location marked on the blacktop with their classroom number. Adult supervision is provided. During inclement weather, students will be given directions to line up inside the school.



Driving Your Child to School

- Make sure your child is ready to exit your vehicle when you arrive at school. This means backpack ready.
- Students should exit the vehicle near the curb. Make arrangements prior to arriving at school to have your child in a seat that allows them to exit safely. We will not allow students to exit the vehicle on the car side near traffic.
- Families <u>can</u> walk their child to the back of the school where students line up if they choose to do so. If you plan to do this please park in a parking spot and walk to the back of the building. There your child will find their class number and line up in this spot.
- Please do not exit your vehicle for any reason while you are dropping your child off. Park in a parking spot if you plan to get out of your car for any reason. When an adult gets out of their vehicle in the arrival line it stops the flow of traffic.

Students Arriving by Bus

When bus riders arrive at school the bus will drop them off in the bus loop located off of Sheldon Road. Students will head to the blacktop area of the playground and line up with their classmates. Each class has a designated line-up location marked on the blacktop with their classroom number. Adult supervision is provided. During inclement weather, students will be given directions to line up inside the school.



Dismissal Process

School Ends at 4:01 p.m.

Students Picked Up By A Vehicle

- Each student will be issued a personalized car tag. Car tags will be given to each family at Open House. (If you do not attend Open House you can write your child's name and grade level on a large piece of paper and display it in the front window of your vehicle.) Please review this short video to learn more about how to use the car tags provided.
- When students exit the building at dismissal they will stand in a designated area based on their grade level. (Students who are carpooling should stand together in the area of the student in the lowest grade level).

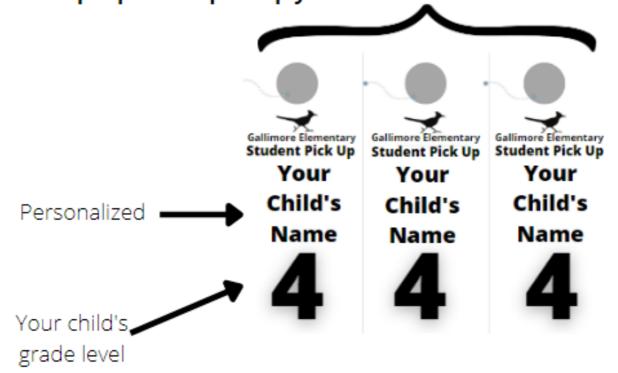
3rd Graders will line up in the yellow zone4th graders will line up in the green zone5th graders will line up in the blue zone

• Our staff will read your car tag and locate your student. It will be important that you pull up completely while you are in the car loop. We will have your child walk to your vehicle. Please do not stop your vehicle when you see your child as this disrupts the flow of traffic.





3 car tags provided. You can share them with other people who pick up your child.



Students Walking or Riding a Bike

- Students walking/riding a bike home must live within walking distance of the school. These students will be released at 4:01 p.m. Please let the teacher know that your child will be walking so our supervisory staff is aware of this. (car tag not required)
- Students being picked up by a walking adult will be released from school at 4:01 p.m. when the bell rings. (Parking on the side street and walking up to the school is a great option during this high-traffic time. The street that you might choose to park on is Forest Trail Drive.) If you do this it is important to note that your child will exit out a designated door. (car tag not required)
 - Door #1/Near the Office/Blue Benches: Anderson, Cunningham, Jewett, Jones, Juriga, and Smolenski
 - Door #14/Near the 5th-grade hallway/Recycling Bin: Berry, Cady, Matt Gold, Mike Gold, Heimberg, and Robertson



Lunch and Recess Schedule

Breakfast and Lunch Continue to be Free for ALL Students this School Year

Lunch/Recess 2024-2025

20-minute lunch and 30-minute recess

	4th Grade 11:55-12:45	3rd Grade and Ms. O'Connor 12:10-1:00	5th Grade 12:00-12:50
Lunch	11:55 - 12:15 ☆ Dismiss at 12:10	12:10 - 12:30 ☆ Dismiss at 12:25	12:30 - 12:50 Dismiss at 12:45
Recess	12:15 - 12:45	12:30-1:00	12:00 - 12:30 ద

An Overview of Lunch Procedures

Students eat with their classmates at designated tables in the cafeteria. Students are able to choose where they would like to sit at the tables that are assigned to their class.

Students will have approximately 20 minutes in the lunchroom and 30 minutes for recess. If students need additional time to eat we do provide this, so please remind your child about this practice if they come home from school and mention that they feel rushed while eating lunch.

If a student has an allergy and must sit at the end of the table or at a separate table for safety reasons we will provide this accommodation. If you are new to Gallimore and your child has an allergy that we should be aware of please be sure to contact our school nurse, Cheryl Wiseman, at cheryl.wiseman@pccsk12.com.

If you would like to eat lunch with your child we ask that you check your child out of school and eat with them at home or at a local establishment. Guests are not permitted in the lunchroom or on the playground.

If students bring lunch to school they are able to purchase milk at an additional cost from the snack cart.

The snack cart is also available for all students to purchase cookies, chips, and other snacks. The prices of snacks range from 50 cents to \$1.50.

Looking for the Lunch Menu?

P-CCS is no longer using Nutrislice. You can now find the weekly lunch menu on our district website. There are many new options this school year.

This link will take you directly to the menus:

https://nutrition.menulogic-k12.com/#/plymouth-canton-community-schools/calendar







Important Dates

Information for Your Calendar

- Sept 3rd: First day of school; half-day, dismissal is at 12:10 p.m.
- Sept 26th: P-CCS Back to School Bash Rescheduled from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 30th: Back to School Check-in Deadline
- Oct 9th: No School (Teacher Professional Development)
- Oct 31st: Half day of school K-5 with dismissal at 12:10 p.m.

Click here for the entire P-CCS 2024-2025 School Calendar



ACTION NEEDED

Back to School Check-in: Deadline September 30, 2024

- The Back to School Check-in is Required for ALL Kindergarten through 12th grade families.
- This process allows families to easily update medical, demographic, and contact information in MISTAR Parent Connection (formerly Parent Portal). This is also where families indicate if they would like their child to participate in the P-CCS Chromebook Take Home Program.
- Once logged into <u>MISTAR Parent Connection</u>, you will look for the 'Back to School Check-in' link at the top of the home screen and follow the prompts. **This registration will be available through Friday, September 30th.**
- Learn more about this process by clicking this link (Back to School Check-in)



Student Handbook Reminders

Please Review the Student Handbook

Coding for Absences: Information about how school absences are recorded is below.

Verified Absences: Parent or legal guardian has called the attendance office, submitted an
absence through <u>MiStar Parent Connection</u>, or provided a note within 24 hours verifying the
student was not at school with parental acknowledgment. A verified absence is typically one of
the following but not limited to: illness verified by parent, doctor's appointment, or a



- prearranged vacation. Prearranged absences will count toward the ten (10) total absences allowed by the policy.
- **Unverified Absences:** Any absence in which a parent/guardian has NOT called or provided a note. An automated phone call is made to the parent/guardian after every unverified absence.

Elementary Snacks:

• Elementary students may bring a snack to school each day. Suggested snack choices: fruits, vegetables, applesauce, cheese, yogurt, crackers, or pretzels. Individual classrooms may have additional food restrictions to address specific health issues.

Birthday Treats:

 As a means of preserving instructional time and maintaining a safe environment for all students, birthdays are not celebrated with food treats. As a school, we have generated a list of ways students may choose to celebrate birthdays at Gallimore. (Gallimore specific: Birthday Celebrations)

Cellphone and Electronic Devices:

 Students may have cellphones or smart technology at school as long as it is powered off and not in use. Cellphones should remain in back packs or lockers. All home contacts during the school day should be initiated from the school office.

The entire student handbook should be reviewed by each family. It can be found on the P-CCS website or click on **this link**.

Robotics Update



Looking for information about Gallimore Robotics?

Here's a summary of what's in the works for this school year. More will be shared here and in Mrs. Bell's newsletter as details are finalized. As a volunteer-run group, we run teams based on what our volunteers (mostly parents) are able to organize. We are planning a winter league for 4th/5th graders (January-March) and aspring league for 3rd graders (March-May). These teams meet for about 90 minutes once a week, sometimes more towards the end

of the season. The days are determined by coach and meeting space availability.

If anyone is interested in coaching a Fall* FIRST LEGO League team (3rd grade or 4th/5th) and participating in a November festival/competition, this is a possibility, and we can help you get started. Interested coaches should email gallimorerobotics@gmail.com for more details.

Please note We are not taking names of interested students at this time.



Click Here to Read More About Our 3rd-5th Grade Classroom Teachers



Click Here for Suggested School Supplies



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