

## First Day (and beyond) Important Information

Mr. Huyck's Fourth-Grade Classroom

Hello families!

I am looking forward to our first day of fourth-grade this Monday, August 26. I was also grateful to have met 14 of our 20 families at last night's *Kick-Off*.

Below are some important items to be aware of for the first day of school (and beyond).



**Important times:** First (entry) bell - 8:38; dismissal begins at 3:40; lunch & recess 11:50-12:38.

**Where to line up before school:** Students that arrive before the 8:38 entry bell should wait at the exterior door closest to the school driveway entrance (by Mr. Clarkson's classroom and the fifth-grade classrooms).

**Dismissal Plans:** For the first day of school (and beyond), it's essential that I and the students know their end-of-the-day dismissal plans. Please email Mr. Huyck ([huyck@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:huyck@aaps.k12.mi.us)) and let him know your child's dismissal plans for the week (but especially for the first day of school). Our options: bus rider, driveway pick-up, walker/biker, or King Care. **Also, as changes occur, please send an email message to Mr. Huyck.**

**Ticket to Taste Form:** We utilize a Ticket to Taste for students to eat items during classroom activities and school-wide events that occur throughout the 2024'25 school year (see the link below). Some event examples are the Turkey Trot and Fun Run. Students who wish to participate must turn in this ticket. Examples of items that may be served are cookies, popsicles, lemonade, fruit or vegetables. One ticket must be submitted for each student.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7fDdkd3WSf3TntSuVcdCWDurWROQw6W7gJKI-IQ-uaHWSBQ/viewform>

**Snacks:** Our goal is to have small, healthy snacks. We also want to keep our classmates healthy and safe. Please send in vegetable or fruit snacks for the initial weeks of school as we further evaluate food allergies. We will snack at various times throughout the day, generally while working independently, or at the beginning of recess.

**Breakfast and Lunches:** Through the *State of Michigan*, breakfast and lunch is free. **However, you need to go to the Food Service site (link is below) and complete the Education Benefit Form.** Also, keep in mind that milk, or other individual choices, are NOT free.

<https://www.a2schools.org/Page/8315>

**Lunchtime:** Our lunchtime and lunch recess is from 11:50-12:38.

**Water Bottles:** Please send a refillable water bottle to school with your child each day. We have bottle refill stations in the hallways.

**Driveway Pick-Up:** When picking-up your child from the driveway it is quite helpful if you hold up a sign with your child's name.

**Headphones:** We should be receiving our computers soon. Please send in a pair of headphones for your child (and label your child's name). I do have a few extra pairs that can be loaned. Please let me know if your child needs to borrow a pair for the year.

**Classroom Student Materials:** All basic student materials are provided. Your child is welcome to bring in their own personal items, if desired (such as pencils, materials box, folder, etc.).

**Bag/Box of items (for the second day of school, 8/27):** Please help your child plan and bring in a bag or box of representative items to share with classmates. Send the bag or box in on the [second day of school, Tuesday, August 27](#). Help your child locate around 5-10 items that can be shared with classmates and teachers, with the purpose of helping the classmates learn more about your child. Place the items into a small bag or box that your child can easily carry into class without assistance. This is a fun activity. It will help us get to know each other better and help create a sense of belonging. It will also help build community. For more information, see the attached welcome letter.

**More information is on the way:** More detailed classroom and school information will be forwarded soon via email.

Please let me know if you have questions. I look forward to our year together.

-Mr. Huyck