

## Welcome and FAQ's:

Dearest Starkey Families,

This is the most wonderful, exciting time of the year! It is time for a fresh start to a new year, full of potential and bursting with opportunities for learning and growing together.

Please fill out your child's back to school forms now: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/33840> additional information about this is at the end of this newsletter.

There is information below regarding drop off/pick up and school safety, but here are some other Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q:** *What are the school hours?*

**A:** School hours are 8:45am-2:55pm. Students are permitted on campus at 8:15am. Students who are not in their seats, ready to learn at 8:45am are marked tardy. Students who are tardy and those who are picked up early not only miss learning (our instruction is bell to bell), but this disrupts the learning of others. Please make arrangements for your child to arrive on time and make any appointments outside of the school day hours.

**Q:** *How does the car line work?*

**A:** Please see the "Arrival and Dismissal Processes" toward the end of this newsletter.

**Q:** *What supplies will my child need?*

**A:** All students should bring a refillable water bottle (with their name clearly marked on it). Other than that, teachers have provided grade level specific supply lists that are available on our website. <https://www.pcsb.org/starkey-es>

**Q:** *How will my child get to school?*

**A:** Bus riders should have received a text/email with their stop information on August 2nd. Parents can also view this information in Focus. Please sign up for the Bus Bulletin to be alerted about any changes in transportation buses and times: [Sign In \(busbulletin.com\)](https://www.pcsb.org/busbulletin.com) Additional bus information is available here: [Transportation / Transportation \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/transportation) Students who are walkers or car riders may arrive on campus as early as 8:15am.

**Q:** *What about breakfast/lunch?*

**A:** Breakfast is available 8:15-8:45am. Both breakfast and lunch are served at no charge to students. Please note that students are marked tardy if they are not in their seats, ready to learn at 8:45. If they are going to eat breakfast at school (which we would love), please plan to have them arrive right at 8:15 so they have plenty of time to eat and get to class on time. Breakfast will be served and eaten in the cafeteria; students who would like to eat breakfast will need to report directly to the cafeteria upon arrival. Students who arrive with not enough time to eat in the cafeteria will be provided with bagged breakfast to take to class.

**Q:** *How can I be involved in my child's education?*

**A:** Become a volunteer!

Level 1 volunteer registration is online:

<https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/>

Level 2 volunteers are the most desirable and allows most opportunities for involvement. You must be a Level 1 volunteer prior to applying to be a Level 2 volunteer. All volunteers must update their information annually in order to be active.

[Join PTA here!](#)

**Q:** *How does dismissal work?*

**A:** Dismissal times are staggered for car riders in order to create a safe and efficient process. Our students are engaged in learning from arrival to dismissal. Please avoid picking up earlier than their scheduled dismissal time, as this causes students to miss learning and disrupts the learning environment in the classroom. Unless there is an emergency situation, early dismissal will not be permitted after 2:00pm.

#### **Car rider dismissal times and locations:**

Pre K (East Parking Lot) 2:30pm

Kindergarten (West Car Circle) 2:40pm

Pre K Siblings (East Parking Lot) 2:45pm

All Other Car Riders (West Car Circle) 2:55pm

We have a system that helps us dismiss in an effective, efficient, and safe way. Car riders will need to have their name displayed in the dashboard / windshield of the car that is coming to pick them up. Pre K car riders will be issued a parking pass for the East parking lot. All students will be coming home with a car tag at meet the teacher or the first day of school. Feel free to use your tag from last year if you have it! If you need additional tags, for different cars, please go ahead and create your own. It does not have to be anything fancy; we will just need to be able to clearly see your student's name displayed on your dashboard or windshield when you pull up. While we anticipate a bit of a learning curve the first week, it is sure to continue to be amazing! Thank you, in advance, for your patience.

If you need after care for your child; please contact the YMCA. While in car line, all parents and drivers need to stay in their cars. The staff member who is on dismissal duty in the West car line will be directing you to pull all the way up to the numbered spots. Your child will meet you there. **Please do not park and walk up to get your students.** Staying in your cars will help us be more organized and efficient, while maintaining the safety of students.

Students who ride the bus will come home with a wrist band on their backpacks. This helps us to identify which bus they ride to and from school. Please keep the wrist band on the backpack for at least the first week.

\*\*Please keep your dismissal plans consistent in order to prevent confusion for your student and the teachers. If there is an **emergency** that arises and different arrangements need to be made, call the front office (727)547-7841. Teachers are not always able to check email during the instructional day and could miss a time-sensitive message about the dismissal change.

**Q:** *How can I contact the YMCA?*

**A:** Please call their phone number (727) 320-0319 or find them at [Before & After School Care | YMCA of the Suncoast \(ymcasuncoast.org\)](#)

**Q:** *How can I contact the transportation department?*

**A:** Please call (727)587-2020

**Q:** *What is the dress code for Starkey?*

**A:** Starkey Elementary operates under the guidelines of a mandatory uniform policy. Find the details here [Dress Code / School Dress Code \(pcsb.org\)](#)