

# PRINCIPAL'S BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**School begins for  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
students on  
August 16, 2023.  
Kindergarteners  
begin on August  
21, 2023.**

I hope you and your family are having a great summer! I'm looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on August 16<sup>th</sup>. School begins at 8:40 a.m. and gets out at 3:20 p.m. Monday – Thursday. On Fridays/early out days, school lets out at 1:15 p.m.

## **SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

There will be no formal back to school registration date. We will be registering online using

## **Arcadia Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP)**



In our CIP, we have three areas of focus for which we have goals to work towards. They are:

### **ACADEMIC GOALS**

**Goal 1:** Upper grade students will increase RISE Test proficiency rates in Reading by 7%, in Math by 6%, and in Science by 5% by the end of summative testing.

**Goal 2:** All students will increase Acadience Reading and Math proficiency rates by 6% working towards 70% overall proficiency by the end of the school year.

### **SOCIAL SKILLS & DISPOSITIONS GOAL**

**Goal:** As a school, we will reduce the overall number of behavior referrals by 7% by the end of the school year.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS FOR PARENTS & PATRONS**

### **CHECKING IN WITH THE OFFICE STAFF**

We want to keep all students and staff safe. When coming to the school, please be prepared with your photo ID. Stop at the office and sign in. You will be issued a visitor's pass by the Guardian Gate system after you scan your ID. Please always stop at the office instead of going directly to your child's classroom.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our school website is <https://schools.graniteschools.org/arcadia/> The link to the website is above by my email address. The website has the important information, announcements, news and schedules that will help you know what is going on at Arcadia. Most parent communication happens via the website, email and social media. If your email is wrong, you most

the parent portal instead beginning July 17, 2023. Parents can access the parent portal and update their child's address, parent cell and/or home telephone numbers and emergency contact information as well as any medical information to assure their student is ready to attend the new school year. I have told some parents to come on July 31<sup>st</sup> to register if they require translation services or need special help.

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### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

Kinder Orientation will be on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL MORNING**

Instead of having Back to School Night, we are having a Back to School Morning on the first day of school (August 16<sup>th</sup>). This will be a time to meet with your child's teacher and view the classroom. Teachers will speak to parents in groups as individual conversations cannot take place due to time constraints. If you would like to have a prolonged conversation, you can email the teacher to set up another time to meet. Parents will also be able to sign important documents and learn how to access the parent portal during this event. Please check out the PTA and Community Council table and consider joining. The event will end at 9:30 a.m. with students gathering in the gym for a back

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### **TALENT DEVELOPMENT GOAL**

Goal: Teachers will collaborate 98% of the time at least eight times each month to review student data and strategize on how best to help all students progress towards proficiency in all subjects by the end of the school year.

If you have questions about this plan or anything school related, please arrange to speak with me or the assistant principal by visiting/calling the office or emailing us. **Parents and all stakeholders play an important part in helping us succeed with our CIP goals. Please ask your child's teacher how you can help.**

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### **PAYING FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH**



If you would like to pay for breakfast and/or lunch, please do so online by clicking on the PayPams picture above. Students and parents may also pay for meals in the office by filling out an envelope. On the envelope is a receipt. Please be sure to take it and write your child's name and teacher on the front of the envelope. A box is in the office where you can drop your payments. If you are struggling financially, please apply for free/reduced meals. Breakfast is \$.90 a day and

likely will not receive important information from the school. Please check with a secretary to make sure we have your correct email address and telephone number in the system if you're unsure.

### **PARENT/GUEST PARKING**

Parent/guest parking is located in the parking lot on the east side of the building. All students (including kindergartners) should be picked up/dropped off in the designated areas around the parking lot or on the west side of the school in the church parking lot. **Please DO NOT park in the loading zones or in the BUS ZONE. If you do, you may be ticketed as we take down license plate numbers of repeat offenders.**

### **STUDENT BUILDING HOURS**

Students should not be in the building before 8:30 a.m. unless they eat breakfast or have permission from a staff member. Students who eat breakfast should go to the cafeteria when let in by a supervising adult. All other students need to line up outside next to their grade level door until their teacher comes to collect them and bring them inside.

### **KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULES**

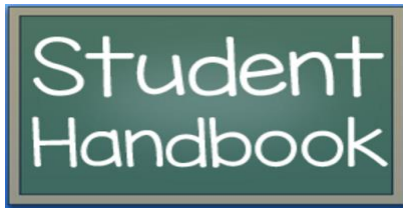
Morning kindergarten is from 8:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. There is no afternoon kindergarten. On early out days, morning kindergarten is from 8:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Full-day kindergarten follows the same hours as the rest of the school (8:40 – 3:20 / 8:40 – 1:15).

to school assembly. Unfortunately, there isn't enough space for parents to be able to attend so we request all parents leave the school at that time.



### SCHOOL THEME FOR THE YEAR

Our theme for this year is "Wild About Learning!" You will see various messages throughout the year pertaining to this message.



### STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook contains all school policies pertaining to students. It is located on the school website in the main sub navigation menu under "Arcadia Links." Please read the Student Handbook with your student and discuss the school's policies and procedures so your child will have a successful year. Please pay particular attention to the Dress Code section and the Electronics Policy of the handbook.

### REPORTING PROBLEMS

If you have a problem or would like to submit a complaint, please first talk with your child's teacher. If you are not

lunch is \$1.50 a day. You can apply for free/reduced lunch by going to [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com).

### PARENT RESOURCES

The following are a list of resources you can access (click on links):

- [Utah Parent Center](#)
- [UEN Parent Resources](#)
- [UT PTA Parent Resources](#)
- [Tips for Effective Parenting](#)
- [988 Suicide Prevention Hotline](#)
- [U of U Family Resources](#)
- [WFS Parent Resources](#)
- [Resilient You!](#)
- [Parents Empowered](#)
- [Utah 211](#)

### GRANITE PARENT PORTAL

The parent portal is located at <https://portal.graniteschools.org>. If you don't already have an account set up, the portal will allow you to access student grades, check attendance, and inform you on other school related matters. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT ALL PARENTS CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND CHECK THE PORTAL OFTEN.** If you do not have computer access on a phone or at home, you may come to the school and use a computer at any time to set up your account.



### PTA NEWS

**Arcadia PTA needs your voice!**  
Become a paid PTA member today for \$5!  
Join now by going to: <https://arcadia.memberhub.com/store>

Your paid membership allows you to participate in voting for organizational positions, budget, and events. A paid membership also gives a voice to our school, network, and district, as well as perks with participating companies throughout Utah with the PTA membership card (accessible via email once membership is paid). Join by August 31<sup>st</sup> to be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 Regal Cinema gift card!

### Volunteer!

Arcadia's students excel academically when community members become engaged! There are many levels of engagement,



### THE FOLLOWING ARE NEW MEMBERS OF THE STAFF!

- Shelly Autry – Principal's Secretary**
- Brienna Lawrence – Kindergarten**
- Jessalyn Asay – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**
- Brenna Donnelly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**
- Raechyl White – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- Eric Christoffersen – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- Kelsie Glad – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- Emma Handy – Paraprofessional**
- Jenifer Manfre – Paraprofessional**
- Andrew Glad – Paraprofessional**

able to resolve the situation that way, you may email me or Ms. Snell (our email addresses are on the website). It is important we seek to work through difficult issues in a constructive way and be respectful to each other.

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### TEACHER WEBSITES

All teachers have websites at Arcadia Elementary. Please bookmark and check these websites often as they contain pertinent and important classroom information and materials. You may access teacher websites by going to the school webpage. Notice: It may take new teachers a while to get their page up and running. Please be patient.

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### SUGGESTED CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST

- 12 No. 2 pencils (mechanical for upper grade students)
- 1 pack of Expo dry-erase markers
- 1 box of 24 count crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pink eraser
- 8 broad tip markers
- 1 pair of student scissors
- 1 pencil case
- 1 wide ruled spiral bound notebook
- 3 pocket folders
- 12 colored pencils
- Earbuds
- Computer mouse with USB connection
- 2 individual hand sanitizers
- 1 ruler

**Brooke Calhoun – Paraprofessional**  
**Tiffany Bigger – Playground Aide**  
**Rachel Kummer – Playground Aide**

**As of this writing, we still are hiring and interviewing for a motor aide, self-contained aide & an additional paraprofessional. We hope to have these positions filled by the beginning of school.**

**I'm excited to work with everyone listed above and welcome them to our Arcadia family.**

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### DONATIONS & FUNDRAISERS

Donations are always welcome. We always need school supplies, books, field trip money, meal supplementation, copy paper, classroom materials, and technology items. A supply list is below.

We usually have three fundraisers a year. Our fall fundraiser will be through the PTA. We may have a charity fundraiser in the middle of the year to help out students through the holiday season, and our school fundraiser will be in the spring. If you do not want to buy anything, please consider donating \$30.00 to the school instead.

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### BUS STOP INFORMATION

The current list of bus stops, bus numbers and drivers is below. Please be aware that this information may change from now until school starts. Please visit the [Transportation Department website](#) for information on busing.



you can volunteer in the classroom, on field trips, and in other in-school events either hosted by the PTA or the school. Please take the following short survey to help us connect you with the type of volunteering you would like to do this school year. [Arcadia Elementary Volunteering](#). Thanks!

### Reflections Art Program

Students can begin creating artwork inspired by this year's (2023-2024) theme: "I Am Hopeful Because..." Original works of art can be submitted in categories of 2D Visual Arts, 3D Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. To learn more about creating and submitting an entry, go to <https://www.utahpta.org/reflections-information-parents> All entries will be due by Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.



The Reflections Program is a [free](#) arts recognition and achievement program, which provides opportunities for students of all grades and abilities to express themselves creatively through original works of art.

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### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

School Community Council elections will be in September. If you are interested in being on the council, please email me. I will send you a declaration of candidacy form to fill out and

- 1 pack of highlighters

Please keep in mind that parents are not required to supply these items. If you are not able, the school will cover the cost and provide your child with the necessary supplies he/she needs.

## ARCADIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RULES

Our school rules are mostly the same as the Graduate of Granite Characteristics the district has implemented in every school. The Arcadia school rules are:

- Be Respectful
- Be Dependable
- Communicate Well
- Be Responsible
- Do Hard Work & Be Resilient
- Obey KYHFOOTY

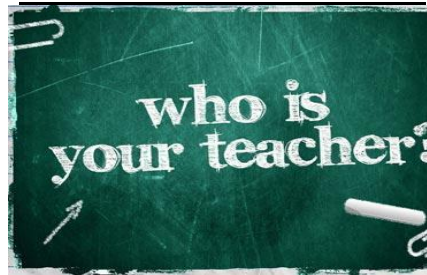
The school rules are repeated every day over morning announcements and are posted in each classroom. Please be aware of these rules and speak with your child often about following them.

### ARCADIA FACEBOOK PAGE



Please click on the link to the left to visit our Facebook page!

<b>ARCADIA EL</b>			
3461 W 4850 S			
		updated	3/13/2023
<b>Driver:</b>	<b>Ellen C</b>		
<b>Bus #:</b>	<b>405</b>		
<b>Run #:</b>	<b>212101</b>	▲ (OR)	
<b>Bus Stops</b>			
3320 W 5560 S (Danube Dr)			7:55
3402 W 5560 S (Danube Dr)			7:56
3526 W 5430 S (Crown St)			7:58
5614 S 3580 W			8:00
<b>SPECIAL ED DRIVERS</b>			
<b>Driver:</b>	<b>Brad D.</b>		
<b>Bus #:</b>	<b>914</b>		
<b>Run #:</b>	<b>212102SE</b>		
<b>Driver:</b>	<b>Marcie T</b>		
<b>Bus #:</b>	<b>919</b>		
<b>Run #:</b>	<b>212103SE</b>		
<b>Driver:</b>	<b>Mike P.</b>		
<b>Bus #:</b>	<b>374</b>		
<b>Run #:</b>	<b>212104SE</b>		



### CLASS LISTS & PLACEMENTS

Class lists will be posted on July 31<sup>st</sup> on the windows in front of the school. Please understand that class placements are **FINAL** unless there are overwhelming circumstances that would necessitate a move. Being with friends is not a reason to be moved to a different class.



return and inform you after the elections if you have been elected on the council. We currently need 4 parents so please, please consider running!



### SEPTEMBER SEPs

Parent/Teacher conferences are on 9/19 & 9/20 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. You can schedule a conference time by going to the school website a few weeks before conferences are held. This year, we will hold mostly face to face conferences. If you really need a virtual conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a mutually convenient time during those two days.

Just an FYI, February conferences will be on 2/7 & 2/8 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. as well.

Click on the link below to go to the district website.

