



FOLSOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again. The start of the 2024-2025 school year is right around the corner and the Folsom School is ready to welcome back our students and families. Our dedicated staff is prepared to meet the needs of all learners through a positive learning environment all while building strong community relationships with our parents and community members. We are a family!

First Day of School

The first day of school for all students is Thursday, August 29, 2024. Student arrival time is 8:25 am. We are placing a strong emphasis on being on time to school this year! The first day of school is a full day. Dismissal time for students begins at 3:01 pm.

Schedule

Your child's homeroom teacher and schedule for the upcoming school year are now available in the Realtime Parent Portal. Parents/Guardians have required paperwork to complete through the Parent Portal prior to seeing your child's teacher and/or schedule. The Parent Portal can be found on the upper right-hand side of the school's website at <http://www.folsomschool.org>.

New users to the Realtime Parent Portal were mailed a welcome letter with information necessary to access the portal. Please contact Mr. Patrick Ward in the IT Department if you are having difficulties with the portal. He can be reached via email at pward@folsomschool.org or by phone at (609)561-8666 ext. 115.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast and lunch are offered daily. The cost for breakfast is \$1.95 and lunch is \$3.10. Our Food Service Department offers two hot entrees and one cold option for lunch every day.

Free and Reduced Meal Application

The state now requires all families to complete the Free and Reduced Meal Application or complete the form to opt out of the application in the Realtime Parent Portal. This application determines free and reduced eligibility for the breakfast and lunch programs and the Summer EBT benefits. Many state and federal funding sources and grants for the district are based on these applications which benefit all our students and families. Families only need to submit one application per household. Families must complete this application each school year. Free and Reduced Meal Applications may be completed electronically online through the Realtime Parent Portal. In addition, your child will receive a hard copy application on the first day of school. Applications are also available on the school website at the following page: [Food Service/Free or Reduced Meal Program Application \(folsomschool.org\)](http://www.folsomschool.org). Free and Reduced Meal Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year, if needed, regardless of whether one is completed at the start of the school year.



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Transportation

Bus postcards detailing the time and stop location will be mailed to families next week. Bus numbers will also be available on the Realtime Parent Portal. Please contact Mrs. Lori Abruzzese in the District Office at (609)561-8666, ext. 114 with any transportation concerns.

SACC Program

The [School Age Child Care \(SACC\) Program](#) will be available on the first day of school in the morning and afternoon. Students registered for the SACC program can be signed into the program beginning at 6:30 am. Please contact Mrs. Michele Hetzel at (609)561-8666 ext. 120 for further information about the SACC program.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Pre-K & Kindergarten Orientation is Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 9:00 am.
- New student orientation (Grades 1-8) is Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 11:00 am.
- YMCA of the Pines 6th Grade Trip Parent Information Meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 11:30 am.
- First Day of School for students is Thursday, August 29, 2024.
- Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

As always do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the main office for any needed assistance throughout the school year. Also, please refer to the [school website](#) or our school's official Facebook page [Folsom Falcons](#) for upcoming events or essential up-to-date information such as the following:

- Student/Parent Handbook
- Calendar of Events
- Online Lunch and Childcare Payment Portal

Best wishes for a successful school year. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational experience here at Folsom!

Sincerely,

Kevin Fricke
Superintendent