



RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians of William F. Cooke, Jr. Elementary Students,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation. You and your family are invited to meet your child's teacher at our "Meet the Teacher" event on August 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. All participants must wear a mask. Class lists will be posted in the school lobby that afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please do not call the school for your child's classroom assignment. In addition, new families will be able to pick up car tags that are assigned to your family. Families will be able to sign the 1:1 Technology Usage Agreement and take care of the payment for the Chromebook Protection Plan Fee in cash (\$20) or online at www.paypams.com. Families are encouraged to bring any supplies from our School Supply Wish List to this event, rather than having students transport on their first days of school.

For students in Grades 1-5, your child's first day of school is August 30th. Due to the "Split Start" for kindergarten, students with the last names A-L will have their first days on August 30th and 31st (and will not attend on 9/1 & 9/2) and those with last names beginning with M-Z will start on September 1st and 2nd (and will not attend on 8/30 & 8/31). **All students will attend on Friday, September 3rd.** There is no school on September 6th for Labor Day and September 7th for Rosh Hashanah.

Please take note of our school hours:

8:35 a.m.- Car rider drop-off begins.

Please stay in the line along the curb next to the sidewalk.
Staff members will open car doors.
Students should exit from the passenger side of your vehicle.
Use the car line and do not park and walk your child to the sidewalk to ensure everyone's safety in our busy parking lot.
You may not pass cars that are still unloading children.
All cars will stay in line to exit the lot.
Students will have an opportunity to take a "Grab-n-Go" breakfast.

8:50 a.m.- Bus riders enter the building.

Students will have an opportunity to take a "Grab-n-Go" breakfast.

9:05 a.m.- Instructional day begins.

Students are considered tardy after 9:05 a.m.

3:35 p.m.- Car rider dismissal begins.

Please follow the lines and remain in your vehicle.
A staff member will bring your child to you.
Each family is assigned a car tag number. You will have the same number as in previous years. New families must pick up their car tags from our main office.
This number must be displayed on the rear-view mirror of your vehicle.

3:45 p.m.- Bus riders begin dismissal.



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4:05 p.m.- Buses depart.

For information about breakfast and lunch, please visit the Parents and Students page on the District Website (<http://redclayschools.com>) and then go to "What's for Lunch?". For the 2021-2022 school year, the Red Clay School Nutrition Department will be operating under a federally funded program where all Red Clay students will be eligible to receive a school breakfast and lunch at no charge. **No forms or additional paperwork required.** Second meals and a la carte items will be available to purchase. At this time, meals will not be distributed for the weekends or holiday related school closures.

Other items of note:

- Kindergarten teachers will be in the Library and Community room to greet Kindergarten students on the first day of school (A-L 8/30 and M-Z on 9/1).
 - Bus riders, car riders and walkers will be guided by a staff member into the building. Parents
- Transportation will send communication closer to the start of school with transportation information.
- Please note that all early dismissals must take place before 3:00 p.m. and no transportation changes will occur after 3:00 p.m. We encourage you to choose whether your child will be a car rider or a bus rider for the school year and discourage changes except in case of pre-arranged schedules or emergencies.
- Please see the non-mandatory School Supply Wish List on our website.
- We will keep our Cooke community posted with important information on our Cooke Elementary Facebook page and Twitter accounts: @CookeCardinal .

We look forward to meeting all of our students on August 26th at the Meet the Teacher event! It's going to be a fantastic year!

In Partnership,

Roberta M. Jacobs
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Gregg Johnson
Assistant Principal