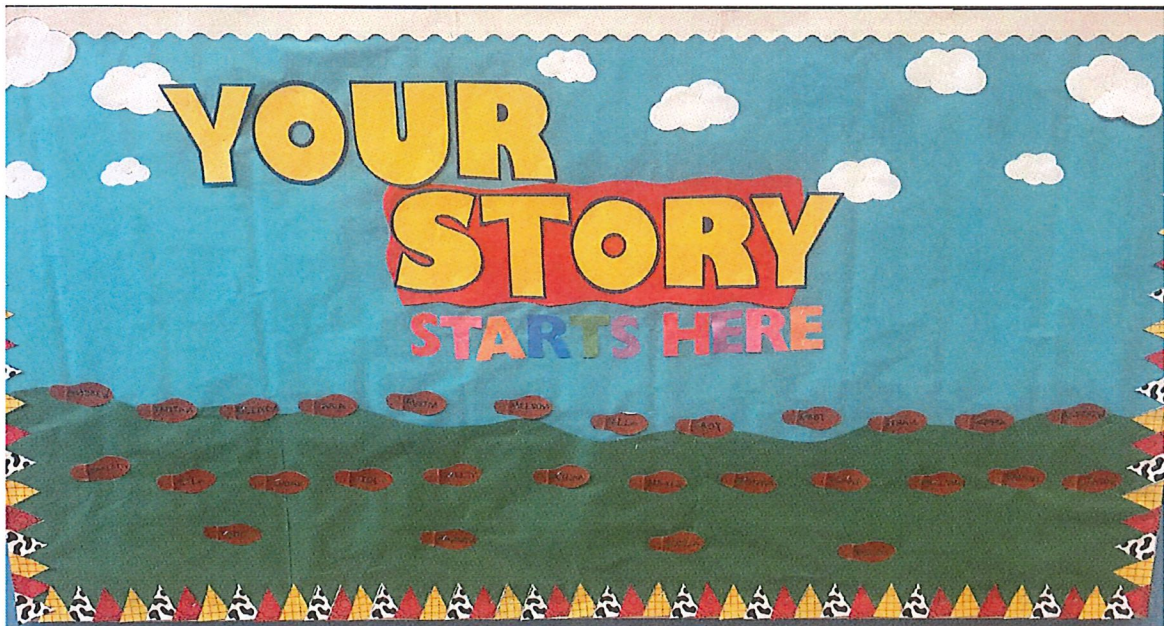


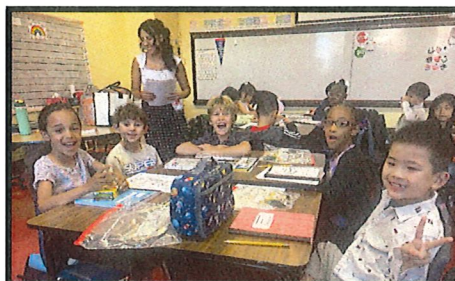
MSA Family Newsletter: Week of August 24th

Welcome back to another exciting school year! Whether your family is returning or joining us for the first time, our entire staff is thrilled to open our doors and welcome you into the school community.

This year, our focus is on building strong connections, inspiring academic curiosity, and ensuring every student feels supported, challenged, and valued every day. We firmly believe that a child's success relies on a strong partnership between home and school, and we look forward to working alongside you to make this year remarkable.



It has been wonderful having your children back in the building. I have visited all the classrooms and have been a witness to many engaging activities, but most of all, the smiles. The kids are why we do the work we do. Thank you for entrusting us with your children!



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Key Reminders for Week One

- Drop-off & Pick-up: Doors open at 7:30. Although, we do provide supervision after 7:15. Please review the below information and our arrival map [link] to help traffic flow safely. VERY IMPORTANT: Please do not park in handicapped spots, as these spaces are reserved for those with accessibility needs.

Morning Drop-Off

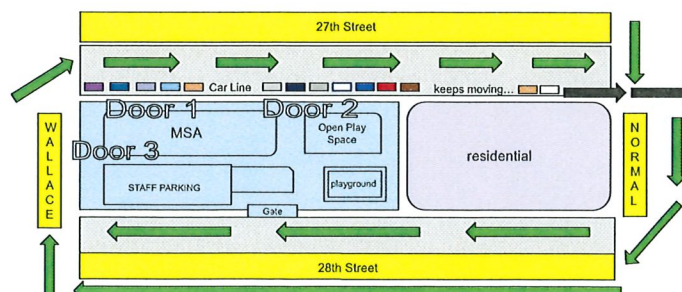
- Student Morning Drop-off is one-way on 27th Street going East.
- Pull up your vehicle as far as possible to the person stopped before you.
- Be fully stopped before your child(ren) exits the vehicle.
- We will have Student Ambassadors helping us with this starting next week.
- Always use the crosswalk when crossing the street (students & parents).
- Cars may not be double-parked in the street. You may be ticketed.
- Never leave your child or vehicle unattended.
- You may not exit your vehicle in the pick-up line or during the dismissal window.
- Note that U-turns are both illegal and very dangerous.

Car Drop-Off & Pick-up Route/Map

Dismissal Procedures: Please be considerate and follow these procedures faithfully. Failure to do so will create a traffic backup that poses a potential danger.

27th Street is a One Way STREET going East during the dismissal window of 2:15-3:00 PM.

- Dismissal for non-bussed students begins at 2:35 PM.
- Pick-Up Line: The only entrance for the pick-up line is from Wallace onto 27th Street.
- Arrive at your designated pickup time & do not cross in front of buses.
 - Vehicle Pick-up for Families is at 2:30 PM
- Pull to the curb and behind the vehicle in front of you.
- At approximately 2:45 PM, after the car pick-up line has cleared, the vans and buses going to after-school program locations will be allowed to move through the same pick-up line.
- Make sure your child can identify your car.
- Be courteous to other drivers when entering and exiting the pick-up line.
- For your safety, please use the crosswalk at all times.



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A Poem for the New School Year

- **Fresh Starts:** New books, new friends, a brand-new space,
 - **Big Dreams:** A smile upon each eager face.
 - **Hard Work:** We'll try our best in work and play,
 - **Growth:** And learn something new every single day!

- **School Communications:** Look for our weekly digital newsletter every Monday to stay updated on events and announcements.
- Please make sure to pay your \$125 student fee by September 15th through Aspen. If you need additional information, [this LINK will provide you more guidance](#). **Need Help Setting Up Your Account?** If you are new to the Aspen Parent Portal or need technical support, please contact **Ms. Christy Zhang** in the Main Office at LZhang10@cps.edu.
- There is a CPS Parent Tech Support Hotline available to parents Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM. They can be reached at 773-417-1060.
- **Family Handbook & Website:** Please review the attached Student & Family Handbook, which serves as your comprehensive guide to being an active part of our school community. This handbook should be your go-to resource for school policies and information throughout the year. You can also visit our official school website anytime at www.sheridan.cps.edu.

After-School Care: Apollo Afterschool: For families seeking after-school care, **Apollo Afterschool** provides fantastic on-site care for Sheridan students.

- **Registration:** You can register your child directly through the [Apollo Afterschool Registration Portal](#).
- **Questions?** Apollo Afterschool will have an informational table set up at our upcoming Parent Orientation on August 20th. Stop by to meet their team and learn more about the program!

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Volunteering: If you plan to volunteer at school events or with students, you must complete the CPS Level II Volunteer Approval process. More information can be found on the CPS Website at cps.edu under the Parent tab.

The CPS Back to School Requirements for 2026-2027: Please review the packets that went home thoroughly. All parents and guardians must submit the following forms to school as soon as possible;

- ★ Request for Emergency and Health Information Form
 - ★ School Messaging Consent Form
 - ★ Media Consent Form and Release Form
 - ★ Family Income Information Form
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Mark your Calendars!

Dates	Event
Monday, August 24th	First Day of School!
Tuesday, August 25th	Visit from School Board Member Yesenia Lopez
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Thursday, September 24th	MSA Walkathon for Technology
Friday, September 25th	No School for Students
Thursday, October 1st	Fall Pictures
Monday, October 12th	No School for Students
Friday, October 16th	MSA Trunk or Treat
Friday, October 16th	Taffy Apple Sale Begins