



Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

- 1) **Open House/Ice Cream Social;** Please join us in kicking off the new school year at the Open House/Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday, September 5th from 4-6 p.m.** Elementary students will have the opportunity to find your classrooms, meet your new teacher, and drop off any supplies you have before the first day of school on **Wednesday, September 6th.**
- 2) **First Day of School;** The first day of school is a Wednesday and will be a full day with dismissal at 3:15 p.m. Each Wednesday that follows will be an early dismissal day at 2:15 p.m. to provide Griffin staff members the opportunity to participate in professional development.
- 3) **Drop Off Procedures in the Morning-** Parents can drop students off beginning at 8:35 a.m. when the front doors open. Please use the drop off lane OR park and walk students across the crosswalk to drop your child off at the front doors. After 8:35, students may walk through the building to the playground/play shed and find their teachers' line until the 8:40 bell rings. There will be plenty of staff on hand to help guide students the first few days of school. We are continuing to limit the number of parents inside the building. Please check-in at the main office if you are volunteering or have a meeting with a staff member.
- 4) **Breakfast/Lunch-** Breakfast is served each morning starting at 8:20 a.m. The door to the left of the main entrance will be open for students who are eating breakfast. Breakfast is \$2.00 & Lunch is \$3.40. If you need meal assistance, please fill out the following [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#).
- 5) **Volunteers/Parents in the Building-** We love to have parent volunteers in our building. Parents interested in volunteering will need to complete a background check. Background check forms are available in the front office.
- 6) **Griffin PTO-** Griffin's PTO is looking for new membership and would love for parents to be a part of the team. [Click here](#) for more information for the PTO.

- 7) **Griffin Weekly Newsletter-** We will continue to send a weekly newsletter each Friday afternoon. This newsletter will contain PTO information, Elementary, Middle School, and District-Wide activities/updates for the upcoming weeks.
- 8) **Individual Picture Day:** Mark your calendars.....Individual picture day is October 6th this year and make-ups are scheduled for November 17th.
- 9) **Griffin Facebook Page-** To keep in the loop of upcoming events and activities, follow us on our [Griffin Facebook Page](#).
- 10) **[Golden Griff Paws/Think Time Sheets-](#)** Griffin staff members will continue to hand out Golden Griffin Paws and utilize Think Time Sheets to encourage positive behavior at Griffin. Please see the link for more information!
- 11) **Quality Work & Top Grizzly Awards:** Students will continue to be nominated for Quality Work and Quality Behavior. Students will be honored at our monthly assemblies!
- 12) **Full-Time Counselor:** I am excited to let you know that Carrie Pipkin will be providing full time counseling services for Griffin Elementary students. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions. cpipkin@griffinschool.us
- 13) **Pick-Up Procedures in the Afternoon:** If you are picking up your child after school, please use the parent pick up lane OR park in a stall and utilize the crosswalk to meet your child outside the main entrance. We kindly ask for safety purposes, that parents do not leave your vehicle unattended in the parent pick-up lane. We will provide students with two Griffin Car Signs to help staff guide your student to the correct car more quickly. These signs will come home with your child the first day of school.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions and my office door is always open!

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