

# ORANGE CENTER ELEMENTARY

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Dear Tiger Family!

I want to officially welcome you back to Orange Center Elementary the 2021-2022 school year. As our motto states, "we are committed to excellence and developing the leaders of tomorrow!" For those of you who are new to our school, I want you to know that you are coming to a wonderful place to learn and grow. Our teachers and staff are caring, innovative, and always learning something new for the benefit of your children. We are a collaborative and driven group of educators who strive to have our students reach their highest potential. As we gear up for the new school year in preparation to soar to new heights, our theme for this year will be "OCE, The place where STARS are born" so be prepared for another fantastic year of learning. Congratulations to all of our students and staff members for their exceptionally hard work this past school year as we navigated some unprecedented challenges. While excited for the continued success of our students, we will not be satisfied. So, get your uniforms and your running shoes ready, because we will be doing some heavy lifting as we capitalize on every opportunity to increase our level of success!

Our students will return to school on Monday, August 10, 2021. Please note our school hours are **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:15 am-3:30 pm** and **Wednesdays 8:15 am-2:30 pm**. Please also note supervision prior to 7:45 am is not available, and students should not be on campus at this time. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience during the first couple of weeks of school. During arrival and dismissal times, there is usually heavier car rider traffic than normal during the first 2-3 weeks of school. Please be patient and adhere to the arrival and dismissal procedures set forth for the safety and protection of our students.

Please save the date for our first family engagement event, Meet Your Teacher which will be held August 5, 2021 from 4:30-6:30 pm. You and your child will have the opportunity to meet the dedicated teacher(s) who will be providing the core instruction for the school year. Pertinent information will be provided in order to have the most successful school year possible. Parents, please ensure you complete the emergency form during Meet the Teacher and also physically notify the school registrar if the contact info in our student information system needs to be updated. Anyone who is not on a child's contact list may not pick him or her up from school.

Also parents, for the safety of our scholars and for your planning purposes, dismissal is very structured and must be followed with fidelity.

- Only Pre-K parents are permitted/expected to walk up and sign in/out his or her child each day.
- All parents/guardians must stand outside of the main entrance gate to retrieve students who are walkers.
- Parents/guardians of car riders must display the car rider tag in the front window.
  - Car rider tags (2) will be distributed during Meet the Teacher in the cafeteria.
  - Anyone picking up a child without a proper car rider tag must park and come to the front office with a valid photo ID.

To assist with a smooth transition from the summer break, Kindergarten parents will be permitted to escort their child to class in the mornings, during the first 3 days of school only. Every visitor on our campus will be expected to sign in and display the

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appropriate visitor's badge. There will be members of our staff strategically placed around campus to assist during the first week of school.

As many of you know, we are a uniform school so please ensure scholars wear their school uniforms daily (incentives will be provided during the year). Please see our uniform brochure attached for more information. School uniforms may be ordered online at [www.schoolpay.com/link/oceuniforms](http://www.schoolpay.com/link/oceuniforms).

Additionally, all students will eat breakfast and lunch at no charge for the 2021-2022 school year! You may still want to complete a free and reduced lunch application to qualify for other opportunities.

I look forward to seeing all our students on our first day of school, Monday, August 10, 2021. We can't wait to see you!

Respectfully,

Dr. Fredrick Brooks  
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