

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I take my child on the first day of school?

EVERYDAY, your child will begin his/her day **in the gym for Morning Meeting at 7:50 a.m.** If you wish to bring your child to school, you will need to drop them off by 7:50 a.m. **If your student has not eaten breakfast**, you may drop them off at Point A (Ruff Street at back of school) to enter the cafeteria. Students will be able to attend morning meeting in the cafeteria at 7:50. Full breakfast is served from 7:30-7:55.

2. What should my child bring on the first day of school?

Your child should come prepared with **school supplies** from the list provided to area businesses and available in the office if needed, **a full stomach**, and a **positive attitude**. Breakfast makes a huge difference in your child's ability to pay attention at school. Please do not forget this very important meal.

3. Should I send lunch money?

If your child did not receive free or reduced lunches last year, **yes**, you will need to send lunch money for the week. The following is a guide to use to know how much to send.

Full price breakfast is \$1.50 per day or \$7.50 per week.

Full price lunch is \$2.30 per day or \$11.50 per week.

Full price breakfast and lunch is \$3.80 per day or \$19.00 per week.

Reduced price breakfast is \$0.30 per day or \$1.50 per week.

Reduced price lunch is \$0.40 per day or \$2.00 per week.

Reduced price breakfast and lunch is \$0.70 per day or \$3.50 per week.

Lunch money is due **EVERY MONDAY MORNING** for the week. ALL LUNCH MONEY IS TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. Please refer to the student handbook for information on district school lunch program policy.

****If you believe you qualify for free or reduced price lunches, fill out the form and send it to school ASAP.**

4. How do I know which bus my child will ride? What time to meet the bus in the morning? Expect them home in the afternoon?

If you are unsure about which bus your child will ride or times for pick up and drop off, you can call the Bus Garage at 354-9421.

5. **Where do I pick my child up?**

All students will be picked up in the parking lot at the front of the school (Letter C on drop off map). The line will form around the building on Ruff Trail. **DO NOT ENTER THE PARKING LOT FROM POOR FARM ROAD!** This is for the safety of your own child!

****STAY IN YOUR CARS!!! LEAVING YOUR CAR AND WALKING UP TO THE LINE PUTS YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN DANGER FROM PASSING CARS. BE SAFE AND STAY IN YOUR CAR!!!**

****DO NOT MOTION FOR YOUR CHILD TO RUN TO YOU WHILE YOU ARE WAITING IN LINE ON THE STREET. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR OWN CHILD. A CHILD WAS NEARLY HIT BY A CAR LAST YEAR WHEN A PARENT DID THIS.**

6. **What time can I pick my child up? Drop my child off?**

Students may be picked up from school at 3:15. **Students should not be checked out early.** The last period of the day is an instructional period and core classes are taught. It is vital that your child is here during this time.

You may drop your child off at 7:30 a.m. **STUDENTS MUST NOT BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO THIS TIME.** There are no duty teachers, and the doors to the building are not opened until 7:30. **Please do not leave your child to wait unattended outside of the building.**

7. **Can I eat lunch with my child?**

Yes. We welcome you to come and eat lunch with your child. If you want a lunch tray from the cafeteria, you will need to purchase a tray in the cafeteria line for \$3.00 per adult and \$2.30 per child. **You and your child may eat in the Parent Center.** If you brought their lunch with you, come directly to the office, and we will call your child up to the Parent Center at their scheduled lunch time.

8. **What can I do to be more involved at school?**

The easiest way for parents to be more involved at school is to become a member of PTO and volunteer through the Watch D.O.G.S. program. To become a member of PTO, simply fill out the form in this packet and turn it in to the office as soon as possible. There will be meetings scheduled in which you can have input on parental involvement issues and events sponsored by PTO. In addition, you can be a volunteer at school by signing up to be a Watch D.O.G.S. parent. You can do this by signing up at the kick-off event on September 6 or by calling Claire Pruitt at 354-9476.

9. **What does my child do if they are tardy?**

The tardy bell rings at 8:05. Your child must come to the office and check in and get an admittance slip to enter his/her classroom. If you bring your child to school after 8:30, **YOU MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD TO THE OFFICE FOR CHECK IN** to receive an admittance slip for class. If fifteen minutes or more of a period is missed, your child will be counted absent for that period.

10. **What do I do if my child needs to be absent from school?**

If your child is absent, you must send documentation of the absence the following day. Work missed will be allowed to be made up for up to ten absences for that semester. After ten absences, work cannot be made up without administrative approval. Attendance is very important to your child's education. When they are not here, they miss out!!

****Please review the attendance policy in the student handbook carefully. At Morrilton Intermediate School we follow this policy strictly. EVERYDAY AT SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT!**

11. **What types of fundraisers are done at school?**

PTO does a Fall and Spring fundraiser every year for a particular project chosen by PTO members to support Morrilton Intermediate School students and teachers. In addition to these fundraisers, we do the following on-going fundraisers:

Box Tops for Education

Tyson Labels for Education

Printer cartridge recycling

Please support these fundraisers with your participation.