

Dear Darbydale Families,

Wow! I can't believe that summer is almost over. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation. I am very excited for our upcoming school year. Our Darbydale family is experiencing some growth this year as we welcome new families to our school due to the re-districting. I am excited to begin working with our new families and to continue collaborating with our returning families.

Meet the Teacher: We also hope to see everyone during meet the teacher on Tuesday, August 23rd from 1-3pm.

Summer Slide: It was great to see so many families during our summer slide check in days. If you were not able to attend our last meeting, but you completed the reading and activities, please bring your completed projects and game boards to the first day of school. You can hand these into your teachers.

Look for my weekly newsletter each Friday, to stay up to date on what's happening at Darbydale. Make sure we have your correct email address so that you stay informed. You will also receive this weekly update through your parent portal, once you've setup your account.

Staggered Start: All fourth grade students will begin on Wednesday, August 24. Our kindergarten, first, second and third grade students will attend only one day during the first three days of school depending on their last name. ·

Wednesday, August 24 - Last names A-G ·

Thursday, August 25 – Last names H – O ·

Friday, August 26 – Last names P-Z

School Supplies: We do not have a school supply list. Each child is assessed \$20 in school fees, and this covers the cost of classroom materials.

Arrival Procedures:

- The building will open at 7:50. Students cannot be dropped off before this time because there will be no supervision.
- If students are being dropped off by car or walking, they will enter through the front of the building. Busses will enter through the back of the building. There will be staff on duty at the front and back of the building to help direct students and traffic.
- After entering the building, students will either go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast or the gym if they are not eating. Students will stay in the same area until their teacher picks them up at 8:10 and brings them to the classroom.

- Students who arrive after 8:10 will go straight to their classrooms
- Students are tardy if they are not in their rooms by 8:20

Dismissal Procedures

- Afternoon announcements begin at 2:35
- Car Riders
 - Each student who is being picked up in a car will be given 2 tags (get these from Mrs. Murphy in the office). One tag will go on the student's book bag and the other will go in the vehicle of the person picking up the student. You must have a tag to pick up a student without coming in the building. Please display the tags in your front windshield at dismissal. If you do not have a tag, please come into the office and check the student out.
 - When students are dismissed, they will either go out the front doors if they are walkers or car riders or through the cafeteria if they are bus riders.
 - Students will not be able to enter cars until an adult gives them permission (the numbers on the tags need to match).
 - If you need to come into the school, we ask that you park in the parking lot. The car rider line is only for parents who have tags and who are remaining in their vehicles.
 - An adult will be available to help students get in and out of the cars if they need it. We ask that anyone picking up a student, in the car rider lane, stay in the car at all times.
 - Walkers will be escorted to the crosswalk by an adult.

Change in Dismissal Routine

- If your child needs to go home a different way than he or she usually does, please send a note to school that states the day and how the child will be getting home. We do need these notes in writing to ensure that we are getting your child home in a safe manner.

Recess/Lunch times

Students will go to recess first and then lunch. The recess/lunch times are listed below:

Grade Level	Recess	Lunch
K	11:40 – 11:55	11:55-12:25
1	11:30 -11:50	11:50-12:15
2	11:10-11:35	11:35-11:55
3	10:50-11:15	11:15 -11:35

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Darbydale Elementary PRIDE

- We are continuing our PRIDE program here at Darbydale. During the first few weeks of school, teachers will be going over and reviewing procedures and expectations for the school with our students. Students are encouraged to show PRIDE by being kind, responsible, safe, and a problem solver. They will earn PRIDE tickets for showing these behaviors and prizes will be given. Please talk with your students about ways they do and can show PRIDE.

PTA

- Our PTA here at Darbydale is amazing! They provide some wonderful opportunities for our students. I have attached a membership form below. Please consider joining!

Why Should You Join the Darbydale PTA?

The PTA supports the entire Darbydale community – the teachers, the staff, the families and our students!

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We help send all students on educational field trips.

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We are planning ways to utilize the beautiful outdoor space for greater hands-on educational opportunities for our students.

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We help plan activities for the entire family to enjoy like the Spring Carnival.

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The PTA celebrates our students' successes through the Reflections program and the 4th grade graduation ceremony.

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We help get supplemental educational materials into our classrooms such as Scholastic Weekly, Time for Kids and Social Studies Weekly.

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The PTA has purchased indoor and outdoor playground activities and equipment.

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We provide meals to our hard-working staff during conference nights.

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We offer scholarships to Darbydale and Harrisburg alumni who are graduating seniors.

We have even more fun activities planned for our new school.

Kroger Community Rewards:

Kroger offers an easy way to help Darbydale through their Community Rewards program. You can help the PTA raise money just by doing your regular grocery shopping. It does not affect your personal Kroger fuel points. The PTA supports the school, the staff and most importantly our children through field trips, scholarships, classroom periodicals and planners, and so much more! Signing up is easy! Click the link below and follow the directions. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>

1. **Sign in with your email or create an account if you do not have one (you will need your Kroger Plus Card number).**
 2. **Go to the Community tab and click on Community Rewards.**
 3. **Click on View Reward Details.**
 4. **Click Edit under Community Rewards.**
 5. **Type in Darbydale in the search box.**
 6. **Click on the circle to the left of Darbydale Elementary.**
- Click on Enroll to complete your sign up!**

The staff here at Darbydale is very eager to continue to work closely with our students and families to ensure that we create a safe, positive, and successful learning environment for every student. Our goal is for every student to achieve to their highest potential academically, socially, and emotionally. Accomplishing this requires collaboration, so please do not hesitate to contact with any questions or concerns you may have.

Join Darbydale PTA

- **Everyone Benefits** – Research shows that children do better when their parents and families are involved both at home and at school. Show your child how much you value education and giving back to the community.
- **Be in the know** – Keep up with what's happening in your school and find out what you can do to make a difference. Join our e-mail list and Facebook group to receive PTA updates or come to our monthly meetings. **Everyone is welcome!**

- **Make connections** – PTA is a great way to meet parents and others at school who share your concern for children and their education. PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas. You can be involved in making changes happen.
- **Be Part of the Solution** - PTA fundraisers have paid for playground equipment, computer technology for the classrooms, classroom supplies, field trips and much, much more.
- **Join Today** – Your membership is valued, even if you don't have time to come to the meetings. There are many ways to help, including volunteering your time or donating supplies for our many functions. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, neighbors and friends are welcome to join also!

Darbydale PTA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.



Member Name _____

Child's Name _____ **Teacher's Name** _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ **Phone #** _____

of Memberships _____ **x \$5.00/each = Total enclosed \$** _____

Payment by: _____ **Cash** _____ **Check (Make check out to Darbydale PTA)**

Check here if you would be willing to volunteer for PTA functions _____

Become a member by **Tuesday, September 13th** to be entered in a raffle for a backpack full of school supplies. Winner will be drawn at the first PTA meeting on **Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30pm.**