Ilchester Elementary School

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the hours of the school and front office?
The front office hours are approximately 8:00am - 4:30pm. The arrival time for students is 9:10 and dismissal time is approximately 4:05.

Where can I park when I'm visiting the school?
Visitors are welcome to park in any available parking spot. If visitors park in the bus lane, their vehicles must be moved by 2:15 PM in order to accommodate middle school buses. We do not encourage vehicles to park along Ilchester Road. For special activities, your student's teacher will contact you with additional information.

What do I do if I am bringing my child to school late or want to pick up my child early?
If a parent/guardian is bringing a child to school or removing a child from school, he or she must sign them in or out in the front office. If a child is being picked up early from school, please provide a written letter to the students' teacher explaining that they will be leaving early. At times, an individual may be asked to provide identification.

How can I find out my child's daily schedule?
At the Open House, your student’s teacher will provide a paper copy of the weekly schedule. A grade-wide schedule can be found on our school website.

Am I allowed to come have lunch with my child?
All visitors are welcome to our school at any time. We ask that you make sure you sign in with the front office to receive a visitor's pass. Due to allergies, food may only be provided for your student.

What are Friday Folders?
Friday Folders are used to foster communication and awareness between home and school. Friday Folders might include graded assignments, permission slips, upcoming school-wide event flyers, and PTA sponsored activities. It is suggested that you view your student's Friday Folder with them on a weekly basis. The folder should be returned the following school day.

What are the costs for lunch and how does my student order a school lunch?
The cost of school lunches for elementary students is $2.75. Students order lunch at the beginning of each school day. Lunch orders are typically placed with the grade-level Para-educator.

What do I do if my child will be riding home from school on a different bus?
Riding home on a different bus is not encouraged by the HCPSS. County policy is that only during "daycare emergencies" should a child ride on a different bus. If need be, the parent/guardian must send in a note indicating the child is going on another bus and a member of the front office staff will sign the note before it is given to the bus driver.

When does my child learn their teacher for the next school year?
Class lists are displayed at Open House the following school year.

How do I know if school is canceled, delayed, or closing early?
If school is cancelled or delayed or closing early, parents should be tuned-in to a local TV station, have subscribed to hcpssnews.com or schools-out.com.