



August 25, 2022

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Truesdell Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure the students we serve achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to love, challenge and prepare our students to actively engage in exciting learning experiences. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Attend school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience. Doors will open at 8:40am.
- Are picked up by 3:30pm daily. Regular dismissal begins at 3:15pm. Aftercare closes at 6:00pm. Aftercare starts on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers each evening.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Share school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life
- Inform you if they need additional support in any area or subject
- Know that you expect them to succeed in school and go on to college

Your child(ren)'s teacher will reach out to you by phone or email before Monday to introduce themselves, so you know who to look for when you drop your child off on the first day of school. Unfortunately, the DC DOH has restricted parental access to the school building until further notice and as a result we will follow the same outdoor arrival and pickup routine as last school year. On the first day of school, pre-kindergarten 3, pre-kindergarten 4 and kindergarten students should meet their teacher on the school playground in the morning and should be picked up in the afternoon in the same location. The school playground is located on the 9th Street, NW side of the school building. Students in first through fifth grade should meet their teacher on the front lawn of the school on Ingraham, NW street and should be picked up from that same location. All teachers will have a sign with their name on it so you can quickly locate them.

Please do not stop or park cars in front of the school on Ingraham Street. This causes children to jaywalk across Ingraham Street to the front of the school. All walkers should use the crosswalks at 9th and Ingraham Streets, NW or 8th and Ingraham Streets, NW. Drivers who wish to park should pull down the block toward 8th Street, NW to park, park on the opposite side of Ingraham Street,

NW or park on 9th Street, NW. By following these simple requests, we can ensure the safety and security of all our students and families.

The arrival and dismissal traffic patterns may also be found in The Student Family Handbook which was emailed to parents and was posted on the school website on August 1, 2022. The family handbook can be found on the school website at www.truesdelltrojans.org under the “Back-to-School Information” tab or is available in hard copy in the main office. If you have any questions about the information in this handbook, please feel free to contact an administrator or your child’s teacher.

We have changed our communication system this school year to a more reliable messaging system. This year, Truesdell will begin using the Remind App to communicate with families quickly and efficiently. If you have not already done so, please download the “Remind” app on your mobile device and create your account. The Remind system is automatically synced to the DCPS student information system. The phone number and email information you have on file with the school is where messages will be delivered.

Lastly, Flex Educational Services will provide before care services from 8:00am – 8:45am, Monday – Friday at a cost to parents and families beginning on September 15th. A limited number of seats will be awarded by a lottery conducted by Flex Educational Services. As the provider gets additional employees cleared through the DCPS clearance process, additional families will become available and waitlisted families will be offered a seat in the order in which they are listed on the waitlist. More information including how to enter into the lottery will be sent in home in the August 30th Tuesday Information Folder.

The Truesdell teachers and staff feel privileged to be a part of this school community. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Foster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracy Foster
Principal