



# Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

## Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event	Details
September 10 12-2 pm LS Campus	Lower School Welcome Picnic	This event is for Lower School families and will be held outdoors on the Lower School playgrounds. See below for more specific information.
September 13 7 pm LS Gymnasium	K-5 Back To School Night	This event is for Lower School <b>parents</b> only.
September 21 7 pm Video Conference information to follow	Special Area Teachers' Night	This event will be in presentation format via video conferencing to hear about the important learning that takes place in Specials.
September 25	Yom Kippur- School Closed	
September 27 8:30 am Hajjar Auditorium	Early Childhood Parent Forum (for preschool-K families)	More information to follow.
September 30 10am-12pm Leggett Field	Fall Festival	The Parent Association invites you to join this fun-filled event for Lower School families.

## Welcome Picnic

This is an opportunity for Lower School families to meet each other and have a giant "playdate" on our campus. Bring a blanket and some food and enjoy the opportunity to build community and watch your children play! To make it easier to find your child's classmates, plan on choosing the location below that makes the most sense for your family. For families who have multiple children within the division, choose a spot to start at:

Preschool 3, Preschool 4 and K Families- Rocky's Field (This is the fenced in field that you first see when coming down the road.)

1st and 2nd Grade Families- Courtyard Playground (This is the new playground that is visible from the blue bridge.)

3rd-4th Grade Families- "Purple Playground" (This is the playground that is closest to the Swartley building.)

5th Grade Families- The hill next to the Campus Center, near "Purple Playground."

If the weather looks like it is not cooperating, we will send a communication to families by 9 am on Sunday.

Please keep an eye on your children and accompany them if they need to use bathrooms located in the building. Drapkin Hall, Swartley and Campus Center will be open for bathroom use only.

### **Morning Arrival**

Students may be dropped off any time after 7:30 a.m. If a student arrives before 7:30 a.m., their parent or caregiver must remain with them until the doors are opened. Please remember to drive slowly on the roadway coming down to the Lower School building. Children are expected to be in their classrooms ready to begin the day at 8:20 a.m. We ask parents to make every effort to have their child arrive to school on time.

Any student in grades 3-5 who are not in their classroom ready to begin their day at 8:20 a.m. will have to sign the late list which is located at Ms. Bryan's desk. Preschool -2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who arrive late to school should be escorted into the building. Also, it is not necessary to use SchoolPass for arrivals; we are using this system for dismissals only.

### **Afternoon Dismissal**

To avoid long car lines at dismissal, it is very important for parents to enter the queue only at the dismissal time for their child. Early arrivals slow dismissal to a stop. We will make sure that your child is available at the designated dismissal times. Parents who arrive before their child's dismissal time may be asked to leave the line and return at the correct time. Please also remember to use your car visor name sign.

Preschool 3 & Preschool 4: 2:30 pm

Kindergarten: 2:45 pm

1st Grade - 5th Grade: 3:00 pm\*\* (*please see note below*)

- Siblings in different grades in Lower School: after 3:00 pm
- Siblings in different grades that are in the Middle or Upper school: 3:25 pm

\*\*Students in 1st-5th grade end their classes at 2:55 so they are unable to leave school until 3:00pm. If you have students in these grades, please join the car line at 3:00 pm at the earliest. The window for Lower School dismissal is 3:00 pm-3:25 pm so you may come anytime throughout that block.

### **Communication**

- We will continue to communicate with Lower School parents in two formats:

- The first will be *Just the Facts*, which will be just that. It will include dates of upcoming events in the Lower School and important information for parents.
- The second will be *Lower School Notes*, a link which will be pushed to parents. It will also have detailed information about what students are doing, supported by photos and student voices.

### **Nurse's Notes**

By Mrs. Maureen Krane RN, Lower School Nurse

As we head into Fall, I would like to ask each parent to send in a change of clothes for their child. This applies to children in all grades, not just the youngest. With rain comes, wet playground equipment, which in turn means a wet child. We also have lunch spills and paint mishaps. Kindly choose a non-favorite pair of pants, shirt, underwear and socks to be left in your child's locker

### **A Message from the D-E 360° ACE Team**

We spent much of our afternoon time this week in the ACE Clubhouse getting to know students as well as organizing our routines for what's to come this fall with Specialty Classes and Clubhouse Activities. Check out our [Weekly Update](#) for more details. Beginning September 11, we'll have students across all grades - preschool to fifth - join the after school community. The Clubhouse will be rocking with all the planned activities, which include snack time, cooking, Homework Club, special craft projects with each grade-level instructor and plenty of play time. Click [here](#) to see our schedules for more details or to register if you have not already done so. Also, mark your calendars for our Preview Week - September 18-22. All Specialty Classes and Clubhouse Activities will be in full session. For Lower School families who have not already signed up for the term, students can be registered as drop-ins to try some of the specialty classes or activities (fees apply). All Specialty Classes, such as Chess, Fencing, Math Club, Curiosity Incubator, etc. begin fully the Week of October 2 and run through the end of Term 1 in December.



The D-E Parents' Association  
invites you to our

*Lower School*  
**FALL  
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, September 30  
10am - 12pm  
Leggett Field



Please RSVP by  
scanning the QR code

