



Four Corners Elementary School

Newsletter

AUGUST 24, 2026

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

The beginning of the school year is such an exciting time, and we are so looking forward to seeing our students and families again after the long summer vacation!

A new school year is always an opportunity for new and old friendships to grow, new ideas and skills to develop, and new experiences to expand our perspectives. Our teachers and staff are eager to greet and support all of our students to ensure a smooth start to the year.

School begins with a full day on Wednesday September 2 for students in grades 1 - 4.

The first day of school for **Kindergarten** is Friday, September 4, and this will be an **Early Release Day** for Kindergarten students only (11:55 dismissal).

Kindergarten students should be signed up to visit us for their screening appointment on either September 2 or 3. If parents have not yet scheduled this screening appointment, please reach out to Ms. Church in our main office at 413-772-1375 or at colchu1@gpsk12.org

In this first newsletter, you'll find information about:

- Important Dates
- Arrival and Dismissal Information
- How parents can get involved
- Before & After School Programs

We hope that you continue to enjoy all that summer has to offer, and that all our students are ready next week to "Bee Here & Bee Amazing"!

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Important Dates

- **August 25** - Kindergarten Family Play Date: 4 pm on the Playground
 - **August 31** - Meet and Greet the Teachers from 5-6pm
 - **September 2** - First day of school for Grades 1 - 4
 - **September 2 & 3** - Kindergarten Screenings (appointments are necessary)
 - **September 4** - First day of school for Kindergarten (Early Release for K students at 11:55)
 - **September 7** - No School for Labor Day
 - **September 10** - Franklin County Fair Parade at 5pm
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Bus & Arrival/Dismissal Information

If you need information about bus transportation, please contact Ms. Church in the school's main office: 413-772-1375 or colchu1@gpsk12

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

- Car Drop-Off: Parents/guardians will use the Ferrante Ave. driveway in front of the school as a drop-off lane only. Vehicles will form a single line along the curb in front of the school. Vehicles will move to the front of the line and children will exit their vehicles once in the drop-off zone. Children will enter through the main entrance and school staff will assist children in finding their classrooms. Please exit the parking lot by turning **right only** onto Ferrante Ave.

*** Please note: DO NOT get out of your vehicle. This will cause a back-up of traffic and poses significant safety concerns to all. Only let your children out of the vehicle when you reach the designated drop off zone. If you need to assist your child/ren, we have designated the parking spaces on the side of the building, next to the gym, as our parking spaces for parents/guardians. This will allow you to unload your child/ren and enter the sidewalk, without crossing the care line, ensuring everyone's safety.**

Dismissal

*If there is a change in your child's typical dismissal routine, please send in a note, email or call the administrative assistant Colleen Church (colchu1@gpsk12.org; 413-772-1375) no later than 1:30 pm identifying the change.

Car Pick-Up: Students will exit through the gym doors at the end of the pick-up lane.

- **If your child needs assistance to buckle in, please park to do so.** We want to keep the line moving as quickly as possible.

Walkers:

- Teachers will dismiss walkers to parents when the parent has been seen by the teacher.
 - Walkers without guardian pickup will exit the building with walkers and proceed to walk home.
 - Students who have not been picked up will remain in the main office with a staff member until their pick-up person arrives.
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Parent Involvement at Four Corners

All parents & guardians are encouraged to get involved with the Four Corners community by partnering with our educators, staff, and administration.

Consider joining the **Four Corners School Council**, the **Four Corners Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)**, volunteering in classrooms, or attending our **All-School Meetings and evening events**. These opportunities are excellent ways to enrich your child's school experience.

Contact us for more information about any of these opportunities!

Before & After School Programs

Our Before School Program is free, and is open to all students who register for the program. Students can be dropped off between 7:30 and 8:00 at the driveway entrance on Ferrante Ave.

In order to register your child for Before School care, please use this link and complete the Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMgxV68uX8aN9VaOFYCK3I5Ia_Sne4VWQmSgwHE1Q_NYVvog/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=109464885005111249107

The After School Program is run by the Greenfield Recreation Department. Please contact them to register your child at <https://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/>



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