

LAMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Lamont Elementary Families,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the 2023 – 2024 School Year! We look forward to the return of our scholars on Monday, August 28, 2023. We are also excited to meet our new LIONS who are coming to our school for the first time. Safety remains our top priority as we prepare to receive our scholars for quality learning experiences.

In keeping with our school's vision of building academic excellence and strong character, we strive to promote healthy character development. Lamont Scholars make a habit of good choices and prudent decisions resulting in successful and healthy outcomes. We will encourage our scholars to demonstrate great character choices every moment of each day in an effort to build a sense of personal pride as well as collective PRIDE (Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Duty, Excellence). During the next several months, you will notice your child developing into college and career bound individuals with confidence and pride in themselves, their school, and their community as they work toward building academic excellence and strong character.

There will be opportunities for you to participate in your children's learning this school year. We invite you to partner with us – attend meetings, volunteer, share ideas, join ClassDojo and our Facebook page. We look forward to working with each of you, and seeing your scholar put forth effort to do their best, socially and academically, every day.

This letter will provide you with information needed to get you off to a smooth start for the 2023-24 school year. Please be sure to check our school webpage (<https://www.pgcps.org/lamont/>), which will contain the latest news and updates. As always, should you have any specific questions please feel free to contact administration at mass.washington@pgcps.org or jgreen@pgcps.org. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. We look forward to seeing you soon! Below you will find all the information you need to begin the school year successfully.

In Service to Scholars,

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Bus Stops Schedules

Bus Stops Schedules will be mailed to you by the Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Transportation. Schedules can also be viewed by visiting the school system's [transportation info finder](#) site. Enter your home address on file to find out your child's transportation details. Please take the time to review both morning and afternoon bus numbers with your children, and make certain that your child/ren is/are at the bus stop at least **ten minutes** prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Parents of kindergarten through first grade students should have a designated person available to meet your children at the bus stop in the afternoon.

Uniform Policy

Lamont Elementary School has a MANDATORY uniform policy. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making certain that your children are dressed in appropriate uniform attire. All students must be in complete uniform every day, including; **solid navy blue pants, skirts/jumpers; yellow collared polo shirts; navy blue or white tights and solid black shoes only.**

School Hours

Our school hours are **7:45 a.m. to 1:55 p.m.** Children should arrive at school between **7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.** Children who arrive after **7:45 a.m.** will be considered late and marked as such. Breakfast will be served from **7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.** No child should be left at school before **7:30 a.m.** The school does not provide supervision for unaccompanied minors.

School Meal

Lunch is \$2.75 (full) & \$0 (free/reduced). Extra juice or milk is \$0.55. Parents and guardians are encouraged to prepay for meals and snacks by depositing funds into each student's account via online payment at Myschoolbucks.com. There is no cost for students who are eligible for free or reduced meals.

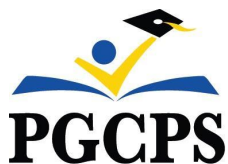
Office Hours

The main office is available via telephone or in-person appointments 8:00 am – 3:30 pm. Until further notice, families will need to make appointments to have their needs addressed.

Parent Homework

During the first week children will bring home a lot of information to share. Please pay close attention to the school-wide information shared below.

1. All children should bring home a **Free and Reduced Lunch Application**. We are requesting that all our families apply for the program to ensure that no one who is eligible is left out. To help in this effort the first three classes to reach 100% of completed applications will receive a pizza party. Instructions:
 - a. Fill out one application per family at the following site [Apply for Free and Reduced Priced Meals](#). If you need assistance completing the application, please contact Ms. Hernandez at ahernand@pgcps.org.
 - b. If you filled out and sent the application over the summer, please complete the Application Status Form and return that to your child's teacher.
 - c. Some families will receive a Spanish and an English version of the form once school returns but you only need to fill out ONE of the two. If you complete a physical copy of the application, return the form to each child's teacher. **We encourage ALL families to complete the form prior to the return of school.**



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Because of your effort and participation every year, we receive additional money from the government as a Title I school, which allows our school to receive additional resources, including classroom teacher positions.

2. Please READ and SIGN your **Home-School Compact**. It is important that everyone understands what the expectations are for the parents and the students, and what we as a school pledge to do. As a Title I school **this is a must**.
3. Fill out each **Emergency Card** with complete and accurate information. Please make sure that you inform the school of any changes in your contact information so that we are able to contact you if there is an emergency.
4. Please make sure your child's **immunizations** are up-to-date, and that you inform the school of any new immunizations they may receive throughout the school year. Our Board Policy establishes all children **MUST** be in compliance in order to be in school. You can find the requirements at [Immunizations](#). Please do not wait to review your child's immunization records and begin making appointments for shots.
5. Please read your *new* [Parent Handbook](#). It contains all the information you need to know about Lamont Elementary and the Board Policies and Procedures. Please discuss it with your children as is appropriate.

Valid Photo ID

Anyone picking up a student before the end of the school day OR visiting the school for appointments **must** have a valid picture ID. Minors cannot pick up students. Anyone picking up a student **must** be listed on the emergency form.

Student Classroom Assignments

Class assignments will be available **online** via PGCPS School Max Family Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 23. Parents have the same access code from previous years.

Here is the website link for information for Family Portal: [Click Here!](#)

Here are video directions to the Family Portal User Guide: [Click Here!](#)

Dismissal

The official **dismissal time is 1:55 pm**. Please make sure that you are here to pick up your child, on time. To ensure safety and order in the building, Lamont ES adheres to the School Systems Board Policy by ending Early Dismissal by 1:30 pm., 25 min. prior to the end of the school day. Students will not be released from class after 1:30 pm. If you have an emergency, please call the main office and an administrator will work to honor any emergency early dismissal request after 1:30 pm. **Anyone picking up a student before the end of the school day must have a valid picture ID and must be listed on the family information form.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event	Time
August 25	Student Orientation - PreK and Kindergarten	8:00-9:00 am
August 25	Sneak a Peek - Grades 1-5	9:00-10:00 am
August 28	First Day of School	7:30 am
September 7	Back to School Night (In-Person)	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm