



Fairview K-8 Charter School Family Bulletin

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We are a school where staff and students excel; parents and community care

New Start & End Times 🌻 Safety First 🌻 Parents & Other Visitors in Building

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 1st. It is important that students are in school on the first day in order to keep their school assignments.

The entrance bell rings at 7:35 a.m. Students entering the building after the 7:40 a.m. tardy bell are marked tardy. This will not apply if a bus is late or winter weather creates difficult travel conditions.

Students who walk home or are picked up are dismissed at 2:20p.m. Adults picking up students wait at the entrances to the building – not in the hallways near classrooms. If you must pick up your child prior to 2:20, please notify the school in advance.

If you drive your child to or from school, please *do not drop off or park* in front of the school on the *school side*

of Kinnickinnic River Parkway, on the school side of 66th Street or in the school parking lot. It's not worth risking the safety of our children even when you are in a hurry. **Most** of the adults driving children to school practice safe habits; **we need all** of the adults driving children to school practice safe habits.

All visitors (non-students/non-staff) must use the main door and go to the school office. Visitors cannot go to classrooms without approval of an administrator and must be escorted to the room. Parents and other visitors are welcome at Fairview School! Please understand that Fairview School follows district procedures regarding visitors in the building to enhance the safety of our students and minimize disruption of student learning activities.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Attendance: Parent Notification of Absence (from the MPS Web Site)

It is your responsibility to call the school if your child is going to be absent. If your young child (K3-grade 8) is not in school and you have not phoned, the school will contact you within two hours of the beginning of the school day. Parents of high school students who do not come to school will be notified within 48 hours. You will also be notified if your child has had five unexcused absences in a semester.

The notification will be in writing and sent by registered or certified mail. The notice will ask you to meet with a school official within five days. (A five-day extension for the meeting date is allowed.) If you fail to meet with school officials within 10 days of notification, the school may take steps to impose penalties on you for failing to correct the truancy problem. These penalties include enforcement of state statutes and municipal codes.

If your child has a truancy problem, contact the school for assistance. Under the Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Program (TABS), students who are truant from school may be taken by the police to a truancy center. School-based student assistance and support services can help you keep your child in school. Truants may also receive municipal citations. Habitual truants may be referred to the District Attorney's office.

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Please Note: The number to call at Fairview School if your child will be absent is (414) 546-7700. Parents / Guardians are expected to notify the school in person, in writing or by phone of a student's absence due to illness within 48 hours of the date of student's return to school.

If you moved over the summer, please make sure we have your new address. Our office number is (414) 546-7700. This is especially important if your child comes to school by school bus.

2010-2011 MEAL PRICES

Lunch

Student \$1.75
Student Reduced \$0.40
Student Milk \$0.35
Adult \$2.75
Senior Citizen \$1.50
Adult & Senior Citizen Beverage \$0.35 (not included in meal price)

Breakfast

Student \$0.75
Student Reduced \$0.30
Student Milk \$0.35
Adult \$1.50
Adult & Senior Citizen Beverage \$0.35 (not included in meal price)

Please Complete a Free / Reduced Meal Application...

Even If You Think Your Family Does Not Qualify

Funding for Fairview's SAGE program in K5 through 3rd was restored for this year because the percentage of students who qualified for free or reduced meals in those grades was 0.8% above the 50% cut-off.

In these times of high unemployment and financial distress, many families do not receive the support and assistance for which they qualify. **All Fairview families** should complete the application for free or reduced meals. In that way, we can be sure that you are getting any support you might qualify for. At the same time, we will maximize the resources available to support the programming we offer to our students.

Apply online at www.sns.milwaukee.k12.wi.us . Paper applications are available in the school office.

Student Fees

Grades 1 – 5 Supply Fee is \$25 • Grades 6 – 8 Supply Fee is \$35

Kindergarten Snack/Supply Fee: Semester 1 - \$30 - Semester 2 - \$30

Checks should be made payable to Fairview School. Prompt payment of Student Fee is greatly appreciated.

Possession & Use of Cell Phones at School

The MPS Board of School Directors decided to lift the district policy that prohibits MPS students from having cell phones while at school. A signed contract is no longer required for a student to have a cell phone while at school, but please note the following:

- Cell phones must be off or in silent mode and are not to be used during the school day.
- Students with lockers must keep electronic devices in their lockers during school hours.
- If a student uses a cell phone to call outsiders to the school to participate in harassing or fighting another student or staff member, the student can be expelled from Milwaukee Public Schools and the outsiders can be criminally charged.

Please give careful consideration before asking or allowing your son or daughter to bring a cell phone to school. The purpose for having this device at school is for communication between you and your child when school is not in session. During the school day, please call the school office if you need to get a message to your child or in case of an emergency.

If a cell phone or other electronic device is lost or stolen, Fairview School, Milwaukee Public Schools and school personnel *are not responsible*.

Medication Policy (from the MPS Web Site)

It is best to give your child any prescription medicine at home. However, at times a child may need to be given prescription medication during school hours. School personnel will not administer medication that should have been given to the child at home prior to starting the school day. The school personnel will only provide administration of medication at the designated time as directed by the medical provider. The MPS policy on medication applies to students of all ages.

MPS authorized personnel may administer prescription medication only if you have submitted a completed Medication Permission and Instruction Form that you obtain from the school office. This form includes clear instructions from the doctor, including but not limited to, the type of medication to be given, the dosage required, the doctor's signature and your written consent. This form is good from the date of the doctor's signature to the end of the current school year. Also note that:

- If changes are made, such as dose or time the dose is given, a new form must be completed and signed by the doctor.
- If prescribed medication is to be discontinued, the parent must bring in the medical order signed by the child's physician.
- You are responsible for ensuring that the medication is delivered to the school safely and that there is enough medication to follow the doctor's orders. Medications classified as "controlled substance" must be delivered by an adult.
- All prescription medication must be in an original pharmacy container identifying the pharmacy, date the prescription for the medication was filled, the child's name, medication name, dosage, time of day the medication is to be taken and doctor's name. In addition, side effects as a result of the medication may be listed. Medications in any other container will not be accepted.

The school has the right to refuse prescribed medications for your child or to stop providing your child with prescription medications if you do not follow the regulations and policy of the school district. Call the principal if you have concerns.

Your child can be given a non-prescription medication, such as cough syrup or over the counter medication, only if you have given written permission. These medications are to be turned in to the school office or may be kept in the classroom provided the teacher designates a safe storage place.

If your child needs to carry an inhaler, a Medication Permission and Instruction Form must be provided to the school and you must sign and submit a Release Form for Inhaler Use stating that the child knows how to use the inhaler. Younger children (i.e., 5-7 years old) must show that they are properly trained and understand the importance of proper handling/use of the inhaler. If a child does not properly manage his/her own inhaler, regardless of his/her age, the inhaler will be taken from the student and stored in the school office for administration of the medication. The child's parent will be notified of the change. If your child needs any non-oral medication(s) during the school day, please contact the school principal as soon as possible.

Help us increase our use of the Internet to provide families with school and classroom information.

Please complete this form and bring it to the Fairview office anytime.

_____ Yes. I want to receive school information through our web site. I will only receive paper copies of items that require my signature or items that cannot be posted on the web site.

_____ No. I want to receive all school information in paper copy.

Current email addresses for parents/caregivers:

1. _____ Name : _____

2. _____ Name : _____

Your Student(s): _____