

August 21, 2019

Dear Dyess Families,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year to our new and returning families! We are all excited to kick-off a new school year, and I can already tell it's going to be a great one. I am equally excited to be joining Dyess Elementary as the campus principal. Our faculty and staff have been working diligently to prepare for our students' arrival. We are ready to get things rolling! I would like to pass on some important beginning of the year information to you that will be helpful as we all get into the school routine again.

The elementary school day begins with the morning bell to go to class ringing at 7:40 am and the tardy bell ringing at 7:50 am, with all students in class at that time. The campus opens at 7:15 am with breakfast served until 7:50 am, or students can wait in the gym during that time if not eating breakfast at school. The afternoon dismissal bell rings at 3:15 pm, with buses leaving promptly at that time as well.

If your children attended an AISD school in the past, you will remember that in order to provide the safest environment possible for the students and promote student independence, parents who walk their children up to the building in the mornings will be asked to say goodbye at the entrance instead of walking them to class. Many faculty and staff members will be in the buildings and corridors escorting students when the 7:40 am bell rings to make sure everyone arrives in their classrooms in a timely and orderly fashion. We will begin this process on Monday, August 26th in all grade levels. Thank you for helping make the start of the day go smoothly each morning.

I am looking forward to an excellent year with all of our Dyess students, parents, faculty and staff. Remember to like our Dyess Elementary PTA Facebook page and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @dyessjets.

Sincerely,

Chad Drake
Dyess Elementary Principal