



Welcome Back!

Luella Lion Cub Families



Welcome back to another exciting school year at Luella Elementary! We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin this new academic year, we are thrilled to see familiar faces and welcome new families to our community.

Our dedicated team of teachers and staff have been working diligently to prepare for an engaging and enriching year of learning. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where every student can thrive.

This year promises to be filled with new opportunities, memorable experiences, and great achievements. We encourage you to stay involved and engaged with your child's education, as your support is crucial to their success. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events, important announcements, and ways to get involved in our school community.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to partnering with you for a fantastic school year.

In Partnership,
Dr. T. Barkley

Meet Our New Staff

Kindergarten Paraprofessionals

Ms. Wilson and Ms. Merritt

2nd Grade

Ms. Young, Ms. Lumsden, and Ms. Robinson

3rd Grade

Ms. Morrison and Ms. Nash

4th Grade

Ms. Mobley

5th Grade

Ms. Osborne and Ms. Ms. Griffin

Specials

World Language-Ms. Adams

Media Specialist-Ms. Eppinger

ESOL

Ms. Taylor



School Hours



School Day Hours - Monday to Friday 7:35 am to 2:15 pm

- Students must be seated in their classrooms by 7:35 a.m.
- Arrival time at school is no earlier than 7:10 a.m.
- **If a student is tardy, a parent must accompany them into the front**

office to sign them in.

- Dismissal can be a hectic time. Therefore, we request no checkouts after 1:45 p.m.

Please Note: The last day to walk ALL students to their homeroom class is Friday, August 9th.



LES Student Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Luella Elementary School 2024-2025 Student Arrival & Dismissal Protocols for Parents/Guardians

Student Arrival (AM)		
Car Riders	Bus Riders	Daycare Vans
<p>7:10 – 7:35 am Students may NOT be dropped off prior to 7:10 am.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the car rider lane in one lane. 2. Drive slowly, lower music, do not use cell phone, and please be alert. 3. Follow directions of LES staff to unload students. Pull all the way down & students will unload bumper to bumper. 4. Unload on the sidewalk side only. 5. Do not drive around other cars to exit. Cars will exit in a line. 	<p>Buses are unloaded at 7:05 am by the bus lane on the side of the building.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only staff is allowed in the bus in loading zone. 2. Staff will meet & greet students daily when buses arrive. 3. Staff will direct buses to unload. 4. Students will enter the building & go directly to breakfast or to their grade level hallway. 	<p>Daycare van riders drop off: 7:05 am – 7:45 am.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the car rider lane on the parking lot side of the building. 2. Drivers should not use cell phones and must be alert. 3. Follow directions of staff to unload students. 4. Unload on the sidewalk side only. 5. Do not swing around other vans or buses. Exit in a line.



Student Dismissal (PM)		
Car Riders	Bus Riders	Daycare Vans
<p>Car Rider dismissal begins at 2:15 pm. ALL students must be picked up by 2:40pm.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the car rider lane in one lane. 2. Drive slowly, do not use cell phone and please be alert. 3. Place your child's number in the window on the passenger side. 4. Follow directions of staff who will load students. They will hold up a color. You will proceed to the corresponding color & remain in your car. 5. Do not drive around other cars to exit. Cars will exit in a line. 	<p>Buses are loaded on the side of the building at 2:20pm. Only LES staff can enter this area. Buses leave campus at 2:30 pm.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only staff is allowed in the bus in loading zone. 2. Staff will escort students to the bus and ensure loading. 3. Buses leave campus at 2:30 pm. 4. Parents MUST meet all K-2 students at the bus stop when it arrives. 	<p>Daycare van rider pick up is from 2:30-2:45 pm. Companies may NOT pick up prior to 2:30 pm.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vans must enter the bus lane one the parking lot side of the building, down to the double doors with company name displayed. 2. Drivers should not use cell phones and must be alert. 3. Follow directions of staff to load students. 4. Drivers should ask for ALL students. 5. Do not swing around other vans or buses. Exit in a line.

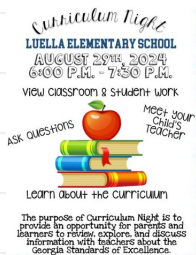
IMPORTANT: Early check out ends at 1:45 pm.

School Events



Kindergarten BooHoo Breakfast

The last day to walk our Kindergarten scholars is Friday, August 9th. Once your kindergartener make it to his/her classroom on **Friday (August 9th)**, please proceed to the media center from **7:10am -7:35am**, to enjoy a delicious breakfast snack with other kindergarten parents. More information will be sent home to Kindergarten parents this week.



Curriculum Night

Visit your child's classroom for more information about the amazing learning taking place at Luella Elementary this year. More information is forthcoming.

Date: August 29th

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm



Tardy Bell

Beginning Monday, August 5th, the tardy bell will ring at 7:35 a.m. Students arriving at school after the bell rings must report to the main office, with a parent/guardian, to sign in and receive a tardy pass to class.



News from the PTO



A meeting will be held with our Family Engagement Liaison, Ms. Annemarie, in August regarding organizing the launch of LES PTO. The exact date will be shared with you soon.

If you are interested in participating in the PTO or being nominated for a PTO board position, we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Your involvement is crucial in helping us support our school and enhance the educational experience for all students.

Stay tuned for more details and thank you for your continued support and engagement.



School Council

We have two positions available for Luella Elementary School Council:



Nominations will end on August 9th.

1. Parent Representative
2. Parent Representative/Business

School Council Election QR Code for Nominations



Important Dates

7/30-8/9: School Council Nominations
8/12-8/16: MAP Testing (Grades 3rd-5th)
8/19-8/23: MAP Testing (Grades 1st-2nd)
8/16: Hawaiian Shirt Day-Students Wear a Hawaiian Shirt
8/23: Dress Like A Nerd Day: Dress Like a Nerd
8/29: School Council Elections

September 2024

9/3-Icecream and the Snack Cart will begin. Please send exact change. Items are \$1.00
9/2: No School - Labor Day
9/16-9/20: Fall Break
9/26: Literacy Night



Parent Reminders and Resources

During the school day, we ensure the following safety measures are taken:

- All classroom doors remain closed and locked at all times.
- Exterior doors remain locked at all times and are not propped open for any reason.
- Exterior doors will not be opened for visitors.
- All visitors must come to the front of the school to receive assistance.
- All visitors must press the entry button outside the front door. The front office staff will assist all visitors from this point.
- Car Rider Lane: There will be one lane this year. Please give hugs and kisses before your students enters the school.
- If parents would like to drop off items for their child, they can drop off in the front office
- Outside of traveling with their class to other parts of the building, students must have a HALL PASS to leave the classroom to their designation (nurse, restroom, media center, etc.)
- For afternoon dismissal, students are only dismissed from class when their name appears on the silent dismissal board and/or their bus is called. Early check-outs end promptly at 1:45 PM.
- Staff are strategically stationed all around our building and campus to ensure students arrive and depart safely from school.
- In the event of an emergency, I will communicate with all parents via Class Dojo and/or School Messenger (Infinite Campus Parent Portal). Please ensure you are connected and signed up on your mobile phone. It is important that parents read all text messages from the school thoroughly and follow next steps as outlined.
- Luella's Cluster Bus Route Supervisor, Ms. Ashley Starr, will be sending out communication to all parents of bus riders informing you of the arrival and dismissal times for the bus routes and loads.

We appreciate your support in helping keep our students and staff safe!



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 THEM UP AT THE SCHOOL.

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Bus Reminders

Click on the link to find your child's bus number and bus route for the 2024-2025 school year:
<https://www.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/161>

Students in grades K-3rd will be returned to the school if there is not an adult at the assigned bus stop. Students will be picked-up and dropped off at his/her HCS assigned bus stop.

Download Here Comes The Bus App to track your child's bus-
<https://www.henry.k12.ga.us/cms/lib/GA01000549/Centricity/Domain/1/HCTB%20Flyer%202022-2023%20No%20Code.pdf>

District Calendar

LES parents, please take a look at the district calendar of holidays and events



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