

Butler Acres

Home of the Blue Jays

"Improving tomorrow by learning today"



Our staff is committed to serve and support all Blue Jay learners in becoming respectful, responsible, and resilient citizens who **FLY**: demonstrate **F**lexibility, continue to **L**earn, and practice the power of **Y**et.

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Back to School Important Dates

August 23
Office Opens ~ 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

August 30
First Day of School for Grades 1-5

September 4
NO SCHOOL ~ Labor Day

August 24

Back to
SCHOOL
NIGHT

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

August 30 & August 31
Kindergarten Meetings

August 31
Kindergarten Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

September 1
Kindergarten Orientation at 12:00 PM





September 5
First Day of Kindergarten

Picture Day

September 27

August & September 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL

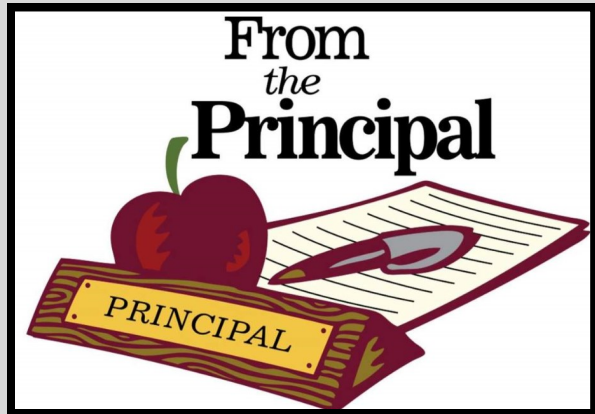
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		23 Office Opens 9:00 - 3:00 	24 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:00 - 7:00	25
28	29	30 Grades 1-5  KINDERGARTEN MEETINGS	31 KINDERGARTEN ZOOM MEETING AT 6:00 PM	1 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AT 12:00 PM 
4 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	5 	6	7	8

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Kelso School District #458 complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, the school district's Title VII Officer and ADA Coordinator. People of disability may request reasonable accommodation in the hiring process by contacting, Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 or (360) 501-1924.

Inquiries regarding compliance procedures regarding students may be directed to Gunnar Guttormsen, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX & Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A DRUG AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE



Families of the Butler Acres Elementary Learning Community,

On behalf of the staff at Butler Acres, we would like to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year at our school! We have been planning for a productive and fun school year. We are excited to see the students and get the year off to a positive start.

This year will kick off with our **Back to School Night/Open House on Thursday, August 24th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**. This is not a formal event or presentation, rather, it is a “meet and greet” format in each classroom. In addition to seeing your child’s classroom teacher, please connect with other adults in their lives

such as our teachers in music, PE, and library. You are also invited to connect with our LAP, Resource, Nest, Mod, kitchen, custodial, and office staff that evening. Our hope for this event is to help everyone meet in order to become familiar with one another as well as reduce any anxiety, insecurity, or stress that is often associated with the first day of school. Thank you for making plans to attend this event.

In order to support families with common language, we would like to ask you to spend some time with your child discussing some of the following things prior to the first day of school:

Expectations: We teach, model, practice, and expect everyone to follow “The 3Rs of Success” which is to be Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient. The more you use these words at home, the more connectivity our students will have between home and school. These are the umbrella concepts that we use in conversation every day.

Safety: Our words and actions must honor the feelings and well-being of others. Our staff will support physical and emotional safety as well as general safety through 2nd Step curriculum, class meetings, an monthly emergency drills.

Academics: We want all of our students to work toward their personal best in all academic areas and support others in this journey. Be on time, be focused, be responsible, and be curious.

Socialization: Part of what is learned in elementary school is how to show kindness and how to make and maintain friendships. We often convey to students that “you don’t have to be friends with everyone, but you must show respect to everyone”. Please practice kindness, manners, and acceptance in partnership with this school-wide effort.

Opportunities: There will be lots of activities before, during, and after school that we hope students will join and enjoy. Please encourage your Blue Jay to take risks and be a part of (not apart from) the fun, and make some new memories throughout the year.

Thank you for using this language with your child at home so that we support a common message and experience for them.

We are proud of our learning community. We have an amazing staff consisting of dedicated, competent, and talented people. We get to work with children who are brilliant, kind, creative, and compassionate. We are honored by family and community support that is unmatched. We are truly happy to be a part of the 100th year of Blue and Gold that is the Kelso School District!

Welcome to our school community! Butler Acres is truly a great place to go to school. Please call on us if you have any questions. We enjoy serving the people of this learning community and look forward to a tremendous year of teaching and learning. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

Sincerely,
Mark Connolly, Principal
Sarah Dahl, Assistant Principal



Back



Night

join us!

Thursday, August 24
at 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Bring your
school
supplies

See
your
classroom

Catch up with
old friends
and start
making new
ones!

Meet
your
teacher

Welcome To
KINDERGARTEN

August 30 & 31 - Kindergarten Meetings

August 31 - Kindergarten Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM for Classroom Placements

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86414135068>

September 1 - Kindergarten Orientation at 12:00 PM

September 5 - First Day of Kindergarten

Your student is not considered registered until all forms are completed and returned to the office. Required forms include: birth certificate, medically verified immunization records, and a statement of residence. If you are missing any of these documents, please make sure to turn them into the office as soon as possible.

2023-24 BUTLER ACRES ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST

KINDERGARTEN

- ☐ 3 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count NOT washable)
- ☐ 2 pocket folders
- ☐ 1 Crayola watercolor paint set
- ☐ 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 1 pair of small scissors
- ☐ 1 pencil box
- ☐ 1 box of tissues
- ☐ 1 large bottle of Purell hand sanitizer
- ☐ 12 glue sticks
- ☐ 24 - #2 yellow Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 1 pink pearl eraser
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola markers (NOT washable)

GRADE 1

- ☐ 12 glue sticks
- ☐ 1 box of tissues
- ☐ 1 large bottle of hand sanitizer
- ☐ 2 pocket folders with pockets at bottom
- ☐ 1 Crayola watercolor paint set
- ☐ 1 pink pearl eraser
- ☐ 3 boxes of regular Crayola crayons (24 count)
- ☐ 1 plastic pencil box (no zippers)
- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 1 pkg. of yellow highlighters
- ☐ 1 box of black Expo dry erase markers (fine)
- ☐ 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 3-ring binder with 1½" metal rings

GRADE 2

- ☐ 24 - #2 yellow Ticonderoga or Up&Up pencils
- ☐ 1 plastic pencil box
- ☐ 2 boxes of crayons (24 count or more)
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 1 box of big Crayola markers (12 count)
- ☐ 1 watercolor paint set
- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 2 composition notebooks (wide-ruled)
- ☐ 1 box of black Expo dry erase markers
- ☐ 1 box of snack size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 2 pocket folders (pockets at bottom)
- ☐ 1 small dry erase white board (9" x 12")
- ☐ 1 pkg. of sharpies
- ☐ 12 glue sticks
- ☐ 1 pack of black fine point flair pens
- ☐ 3-ring binder with 1½" metal rings

GRADE 3

- ☐ 24 - #2 yellow Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 2 red ink pens
- ☐ 1 pair of Fiskar 5" scissors (sharp point)
- ☐ 3-ring binder - 2" metal rings (inside pockets)
- ☐ 1 binder pencil pouch
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 1 pkg. of wide-ruled paper
- ☐ 1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- ☐ 1 box of black permanent markers (fine tip)
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- ☐ 1 box of black Expo dry erase markers
- ☐ 2 pink pearl erasers
- ☐ 3 glue sticks
- ☐ 1 pack of post-its
- ☐ 1 - 8 oz. bottle of hand sanitizer
- ☐ 1 box of tissues
- ☐ 1 container of cleaning wipes
- ☐ 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags



GRADE 4

- ☐ 12 - #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 1 box of broad point Crayola colored markers
- ☐ 1 box of black Expo dry erase markers
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 1 set of watercolors
- ☐ 2 composition notebooks
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- ☐ 1 cloth pencil pouch (that fits inside binder)
- ☐ 1 large pink eraser
- ☐ 1 box of sandwich, gallon, or quart Ziploc bags
- ☐ 4 glue sticks
- ☐ 1 plastic pencil box
- ☐ 1 pack of black fine point flair pens
- ☐ 3-ring binder with 1½" metal rings

GRADE 5

- ☐ 48 - #2 yellow Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ 4 spiral notebooks (100 pages each)
- ☐ 1 pkg. wide or college ruled notebook paper
- ☐ 1 pkg. of Expo dry erase markers (low odor)
- ☐ 2 highlighters
- ☐ 1 composition notebook (journaling)
- ☐ 1 no spill water bottle
- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 1 pencil pouch (not a box)
- ☐ 4 glue sticks
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola colored markers (8-10 count)
- ☐ 3-ring binder with 1½" metal rings



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458

2023-2024

Student School Calendar

AUGUST 2023						
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STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 30 First Day
June 12 Last Day

GRADUATION

June 8

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS

September 4 Labor Day
October 6 In-Service Day
November 10 Veterans Day Observed
November 20-22 Elementary School Conferences
(No School for Elementary Students ONLY)
November 23-24 Thanksgiving Break
November 27 Trimester Break
Dec. 21 – Jan. 2 Winter Break
January 15 MLK Day
January 26 Semester Break
February 19 Presidents' Day
March 8 In-Service Day
March 11 Trimester Break
April 1 – 5 Spring Break
May 27 Memorial Day

EARLY DISMISAL DAYS

Elementary 1:55 pm, Secondary 1:00 pm
November 22 Secondary Students Only
December 20
March 29
Last Day of School
Elementary 11:10 am, Secondary 10:05 am

TERM END DAYS

Trimesters (Elementary and High School)
November 22 Trimester 1
March 7 Trimester 2
June 12 Trimester 3
Semesters (Middle School)
January 25 Semester 1
June 12 Semester 2

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:45 am – 3:25 pm
Wednesdays 8:45 am – 1:55 pm
Secondary Schools
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:50 am – 2:30 pm
Wednesdays 7:50 am – 1:00 pm

MAKE-UP DAYS

November 27
January 26
March 11
End of School Year

FEBRUARY 2024						
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Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Chris Reykdal, State Superintendent

Dolly Parton to Visit Washington for a Statewide Celebration of Imagination Library



On **August 15**, legendary icon, musician, and philanthropist Dolly Parton will visit Washington State to celebrate achieving statewide coverage of the Imagination Library. All Washington children from birth to age five can now register to receive one book every month, for free, from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Families with children under five can sign up for the Imagination Library by visiting:
www.imaginationlibrarywashington.org



Washington State
Governor's Office of the

The Washington State Office of Education Ombuds (OEO) listens, shares information and referrals, and works with families, communities, and schools to address concerns so that every student can fully participate and thrive in our state's public schools. OEO provides support in multiple languages and has telephone interpretation available.

To get help or learn more about what OEO does, please visit our website:

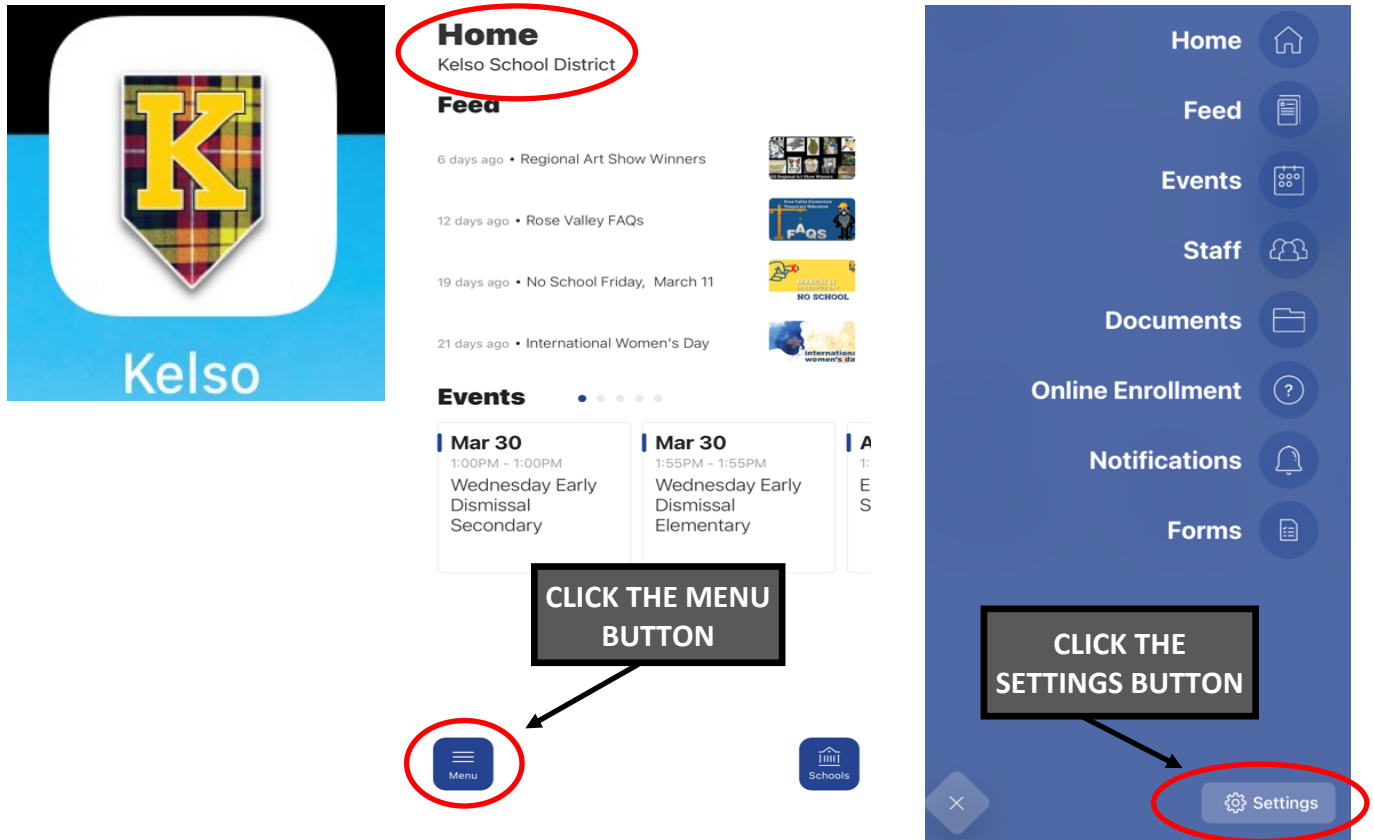
<https://www.oeo.wa.gov/en>; email oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov, or call:

1-866-297-2597 (interpretation available).

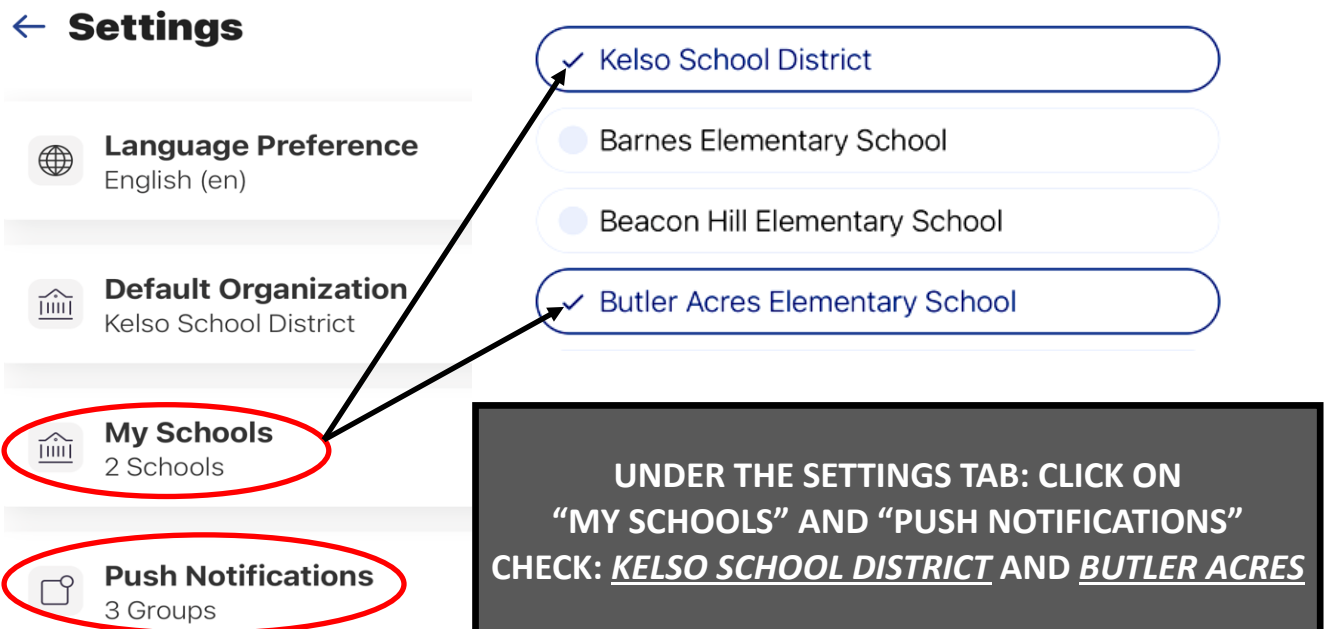
The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) is an independent state agency that helps to reduce educational opportunity gaps by supporting families, students, educators, and other stakeholders in communities across WA in understanding the K-12 school system and resolving concerns collaboratively. OEO services are free and confidential. Anyone can contact OEO with a question or concern about K-12 public schools.

KSD APP

Download the KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT APP on your phone to stay connected! Just search Kelso School District in the app store and look for the Kelso “K”. KSD will be using this app to update families about bus routes, school closures, events, and much more!



Once you are in the app, go to the settings to choose the district and school(s) you would like to receive notifications for.





KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Kelso School District! Our volunteers make a difference in our students' lives and in our community. We appreciate your willingness to take part in our volunteer application process in order to keep our students and staff safe. If you have questions about becoming a volunteer with the Kelso School District, please contact Human Resources at (360) 501-1934 or send an email to human.resources@kelsosd.org.

Steps to Becoming a Volunteer

1. Apply online at the following link: <https://bit.ly/KSDvolunteerapp> or call Human Resources if you do not have internet access.
2. Get fingerprinted. (Complete one of the fingerprinting options below.)

The secretary at the school where you want to volunteer will have access to see when you have been cleared by Human Resources. Please follow up with the school secretary after you have turned in your fingerprints to check on the status of your clearance.

FINGERPRINTING OPTIONS:

OPTION 1: Your Local Police Station or Sheriff's Office

You will need to contact the police station in the city where you live (or the Sheriff's Office if you live in the county) to inquire about their fingerprinting services, fees, and appointment times. You will need to present government-issued photo identification, such as a driver license or passport. Once you have been fingerprinted, please return the fingerprint card to KSD Human Resources with a cashier's check, personal check, or money order made out to OSPI for \$45.25. We will mail the card on your behalf.

OPTION 2: ESD 112

You will need to schedule an appointment with the ESD online by visiting: esd112.org/hr/fingerprinting/. At the time of your appointment, you will need to have government-issued photo identification, along with your payment for \$82.00 payable by Visa or MasterCard only. Please check your email after scheduling for important information regarding your appointment. You will NOT need to bring your fingerprints into Kelso School District, as they will be sent directly to OSPI from the ESD.

ESD 112
2500 NE 65th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98661
(360) 750-7503

Revised 10/22



OUR SCHOOL MENUS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE:

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/792/district/789>

Kelso School District

Welcome! It's simple to get started:

What is the name of your school?

Butler Acres Elementary

Which menu would you like to view?

Find a menu...

Elementary Breakfast 23-24

Elementary Lunch 23-24

*The Kelso School District has opted to operate under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for meal services. CEP is a non-pricing meal service option where schools and school districts that meet certain criteria can offer all students who attend classes on site one full breakfast and one full lunch free of charge each day school is in session. **ALL Kelso Students attending classes on-site are eligible to receive one breakfast and one lunch FREE of charge each school day.***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Contacts

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Health Room

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Transportation

Phone: 360-501-1350

Email: ksdtransportation@kelsosd.org

Food Services

Phone: 360-501-1807



Skyward Family Access

Go to www.kelso.wednet.edu and click on "Skyward/Family Access Info" under the Families tab.

- Food Services
- Report Cards
- Contact Information
- Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling
- Attendance



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL HOURS

Breakfast: 8:15 - 8:40

(Do not drop off students before 8:15)

School Starts: 8:45

Lunches & Recesses: 11:40 - 1:10

School Ends: 3:25

(Early dismissal every Wednesday at 1:55)

After School Plans

All students should have a "usual" way home. If there are any changes to this plan (going home with a friend, riding a bus, walking to practice, etc.) please send a note or call the office before 2:00 PM (before 12:00 PM on Wednesdays) and we will send a note informing your student of the change.



Late to School

If your student will be late to school and will be eating a school lunch, please call the office by 9:30 AM to get one ordered.

When your student arrives late to school, an adult is required to walk them to the office and sign them in!

Please do not drop students off after school starts without following this important safety procedure!!

School Menus

Our school menus are available online:

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/792/district/789>

Updating Contact Information

If there are any changes to address, phone number, work phone, cell phone, or emergency contacts for your student, please contact the office to update the information. It is extremely important that we have the ability to contact parents/guardians for all students in our care.