



Beginner's Day Agenda

May 8th, 2025

Opening Presentation

Class of 2037

Welcome

Rebecca C. Crawford
Principal

"A Day In The Life Of A Kindergarten Dragon"

Dilworth Dragons

PTA Information

Jessica Mager
2025- 2026 PTA President

Academics in Kindergarten

Morgan Walker
Academic Facilitator

Transportation / Cafeteria Info

Lane Taylor
Assistant Principal

Counseling Program

Hillary Williams
School Counselor

Health Requirements

Becky Lieberman
School Nurse

Closing Remarks

Rebecca Crawford
Principal

Upon dismissal from the media center, please head to the Kindergarten hallway to pick up your child from the classroom.



Dear Rising Kindergarten Families,

We are so excited to welcome your children to our wonderful school this fall. Please know that they will be surrounded by a loving, dedicated set of administrators, teachers, and support staff!

I have been a part of the Dilworth Elementary family for the past six years and currently have two Dilworth Dragons grades 3 and 5. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your PTA President for the 2025–2026 school year. Our school has an extremely active PTA which includes a fourteen member Executive Board, approximately forty committees, and a tremendous base of volunteers.

Our PTA organizes family events throughout the school year including our Dragonfest Fall festival, our Dragon Dance and Blaze Bowling, and partners with local venues and sports teams to arrange several Dilworth Spirit Nights throughout the year. We work with the school to coordinate Book Fairs, Art Showcase, Culture Night, Career Day, and Staff Appreciation activities throughout the year. We host several adult social events including a Kindergarten Parent Social in October and a Parent & Staff Party in June. We also provide monthly snack bags to students in need, provide weekly tutoring for students needing additional academic support, and work with classroom teachers to organize grade level service-learning projects.

These functions and experiences are only possible because of the dedication of amazing volunteers and the generous giving from our Dragon families. We have two fundraisers each year -- our Tip the Scales School Fundraiser, and our SPARK PTA Fundraiser. Most recently, our 2025 Tip the Scales campaign raised close to \$150,000! These donations will go towards supplementing expenses such as school field trips, classroom technology, staff professional development, and special projects such as outdoor learning spaces. Additionally, at the beginning of this school year, our annual PTA Fundraiser, fondly known as SPARK, raised an impressive \$65,000 which has served as the 2024–2025 PTA Operating Budget. These charitable donations greatly benefit our students and school staff and are tremendously appreciated.

Equally as beneficial and appreciated are those who contribute their time and efforts to the continuing success of our school. Our parent volunteers are a huge part of what makes Dilworth Elementary such a special place. I hope that you will consider volunteering with our PTA at some point during the year. Committee Member Signups are available now for several of our committees. Also keep an eye out for signups for Room Parents, Learning Buddies, classroom support and snack donations, and more, during the Back-to-School Open House.

Dilworth Elementary is an amazing school, and I am so proud to be a part of this community. Please reach out if I can ever be of assistance to you!

Sincerely,

Jessica Mager

2025–2026 PTA President
jessicamager21@gmail.com
www.DilworthPTA.org

Connect with the
Dilworth PTA





Summer Reminders

School Supplies

Order your school supplies online now through mid-July. Go to www.sproutsupplies.com and enter **school code DES001**.



Supply kits include the teacher requested supplies and will ship directly to school before the first day of class!



Popsicle Playdate

Rising Kindergarteners – Come and meet your new classmates at our Campus playground! Date will be announced through the Dragon Dispatch and on social media over the summer.



Spirit Night

Please join Dilworth Elementary families for our Back To School Spirit Night on Sunday, August 17th to cheer on the Charlotte Knights!

Keep an eye out on social media and the Dragon Dispatch for event details and how to purchase tickets.



Fundraising

Tip The Scales

Each spring we ask our families and the community to support our children and school through our Tip the Scales campaign. Tip the Scales funds critical items CMS is not able to provide. Many of the items we use to enhance our Dragon's learning is possible thanks to funding from parents, teachers and community sponsors.

Examples of items purchased with Tip the Scales funds in 2024 - 2025

- Enrichment field trips for all grade levels - \$24,000
- Classroom Set-up supplies at Both Campuses - \$11,000 (paint, carpeting, furniture, headphones, smart boards, and so much more)
- Literacy Support via books and online learning subscriptions - \$30,800



S.P.A.R.K



Summer Program for Arithmetic, Readng, and Knowledge

Our SPARK fundraiser encourages students to work on reading and math skills over the summer while helping to raise funds to support our PTA operating budget each fall. The PTA operating budget funds go towards providing teachers with startup funds each fall, field trip scholarships, campus beautification, character education, family events like Dragonfest, Art Showcase, Dragon Dance, Blaze Bowling and so much more!

While the fundraising portion of SPARK is important, you don't have to contribute financially to participate. We want every student, including our rising Kindergartners, to keep track of their hours. In October, each campus holds a SPARK assembly where we celebrate students' hard work and give them the opportunity to win fun prizes.





Stay In The Know



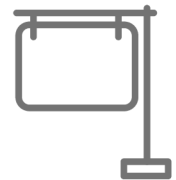
About The PTA

For more detailed information about the Dilworth Elementary PTA, please scan the code or visit us at www.dilworthpta.org



Order A Yard Sign

Show your Dragon pride with a Dilworth Elementary yard sign!



Spiritwear

Spiritwear is available online for students, faculty, and families to build enthusiasm and a sense of community. Please scan to visit our online store



Connect With Us!

- Sign up for the Dragon Dispatch
- Follow us on Instagram & Facebook
- Volunteer Opportunities



Dilworth Elementary
School PTA



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Dragon Dispatch
Newsletter Sign-Up



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Dilworth Elementary School, home of the Dragons! I am delighted that your child will be joining our school family. You are now a part of a learning community that is committed to providing a quality educational program for all children. Our schools' mission is to provide a support system that meets the needs of each child in our school.

Our curriculum focuses on the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Through quality instruction, we will help your child build a solid foundation in reading, writing, and mathematics so that they will be well prepared for future learning. Many opportunities for hands on learning will keep your child actively engaged and motivated to learn. Units of study in social studies and science will help students better understand the world around them. Students will receive specialized instruction in art, music, social-emotional learning and physical education. Students will visit the media center regularly as we continue to foster a love of reading books. Many after-school clubs are available so that students can continue to explore their areas of interest.

Our school prides itself on having an extremely active PTA. Through their ongoing financial support, we have been able to secure additional materials in every classroom. Over the last several years, we have also been able to establish an extensive collection of leveled readers and enrichment materials for our students. The volunteer support from our parents has been instrumental in helping establish a dedicated support system for our students. We hope you will join this group's efforts so we can continue to provide challenging educational opportunities for each child.

Parents may write a letter that describes their child and the learning environment that best meets their child's needs. Letters should not request a specific teacher. All letters should be emailed to Rebecca Crawford (rebecca.crawford@cms.k12.nc.us), by June 27th, 2025. This information is not required but is helpful as we begin to make classroom placement decisions.

Letters will be sent to the parents of all our students when the staff returns to school in August. These letters will contain information about our scheduled staggered entry day, transportation information and everything that you will need for the first day of school.

The first day of school is scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025. Kindergarten will begin on a staggered entry schedule and students will come to school for only one of the first three days. Teachers will use this time to familiarize students with school procedures and conduct simple assessments to learn more about each child. Please note your child's classroom assignment during the staggered entry day will not necessarily be their classroom assignment for the year. On the fourth day, teachers will meet to determine classroom assignments. A Kindergarten Open House will be held within the first few weeks of school, to allow students and parents time to meet their assigned teacher. All kindergarten students will report to school on Friday, August 29th. Our instructional day begins at 8:00am and ends at 3:00pm.

I look forward to working with you as we continue to maintain an exemplary school.

Sincerely,

Rebecca C. Crawford
Principal



Going to Kindergarten!



Care for Personal Needs

- ☐ Independently blow nose, cover sneeze, use the bathroom, wash hands
- ☐ Independently get dressed- button, zip, snap and zipper own pants, take off and put on coat, tie shoes
- ☐ With adult help, select and wear clothing appropriate for indoor and outdoor weather temperatures
- ☐ Recognize own items like jacket and lunchbox
- ☐ Eat meals independently with silverware, at a table in 20-25 minutes
- ☐ Ask for help if needed

Social

- ☐ Follow directions and listen to an adult
- ☐ Play and cooperate with other children (without hitting or biting)
- ☐ Sit for short periods (15 min.)
- ☐ Say 'thank you' and 'please'
- ☐ Meet reasonable limits for behaviors set by caregiver
- ☐ Practice work habits like effort, initiative and persistence
- ☐ Interact frequently talking and listening with trusted adult
- ☐ Talk with a trusted adult about their family, culture and values
- ☐ Learn about other cultures in the community

Academics

- ☐ Identify letter names
- ☐ Say the sounds of most of the letters
- ☐ Read every day with adults, talking about the pictures and the story
- ☐ Write first name and know last name
- ☐ Hold a book and turn pages correctly
- ☐ Sing songs, say rhymes and play rhyming games
- ☐ Identify labels and signs
- ☐ Tell about an experience
- ☐ Tell and retell familiar stories
- ☐ Use scissors and draw ideas using crayons or pencils
- ☐ Count 10 items
- ☐ Explore and play with toys, games and household objects

Health

- ☐ Run, jump, climb, swing and use balls
- ☐ Follow a daily routine that includes regular times for meals, outside play time and a bedtime for at least 10 hours of sleep
- ☐ Visit the dentist and doctor for regular check-ups and when sick

*While a strong kindergarten child can do most of what is outlined above, children develop at different rates. A child is ready for kindergarten if they meet age requirements!

Ready4K

Ready4K sends age appropriate facts and easy tips to families three times a week.



WHO

FREE for Mecklenburg County families with kids birth through 3rd grade



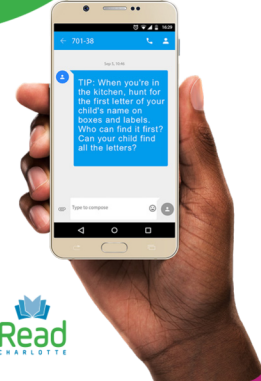
WHY

Proven to boost learning and prepare kids for success



HOW

Text ReadCLT to 70138 to enroll in English or Spanish text messages



Boost your child's learning with **FREE** activities and ideas!

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HOW TO RAISE A CURIOUS READER

- Choose books that support your child's interests.
- Reread your child's favorite books whenever asked. After several retellings, ask your child to tell you the story.
- Involve your child in the reading by asking questions! Ask "what" questions; avoid questions that require a simple "yes" or "no" answer. You might ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- Remember to give your child time to think about the question and respond.
- Take your child to the library to check out books and attend story hours. (Cmlibrary.org)

IS YOUR CHILD CURIOUS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN?

Here's a list of books to read over the summer to help answer questions (and raise some new ones).

- Look Out Kindergarten, Here I come! By Nancy Carlson
- Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
- Froggy Goes to School by Jonathon London
- Sumi's First Day of School Ever by Soyung Pak
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN BY:

Celebrate your child's transition to kindergarten by:

- Creating a countdown calendar and marking off the days until the first day of school
- Expressing to your child that you believe he/she will be successful in kindergarten
- Reading some of the following stories with your child:
 - I am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child
 - Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
 - I Don't Want to Go to School by Christine Harris
 - Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell
 - I Love School! By Philemon Sturges





Character Education

Dilworth Elementary School supports a strong character education program. The purpose of the program is to integrate character education into classroom instruction and to incorporate parental and community involvement. We encourage parental involvement by inviting parents to help teach character education lessons in the classroom. Each month we focus on a different trait and emphasize to our students the significance of the trait.

We also incorporate character education into our school-wide "On Fire" behavior program. "On Fire" means to be Fair, show Integrity, be Respectful, and be Exceptional. We teach our dragons to be 'On Fire" throughout the day and throughout the building. Students can earn dragon dollars for positive behavior. Students turn in their dragon dollars to help their dragon house win the trophy at the end of each quarter.

Month	Date	Description
August & September	Respect	Showing high regard for self, others, and property. Respect includes cooperation, listening to understand others, and mutual support.
October	Responsibility	Being accountable for your own behavior. Being self-disciplined and having a strong work ethic by demonstrating commitment, pride, and a positive attitude in completing tasks.
November	Honesty	Being truthful in word and action. Honesty includes trustworthiness by being honest and reliable in carrying out commitments, obligations, and duties.
December	Caring	Showing concern for the well-being of others.
January	Justice & Fairness	Demonstrating impartial, unbiased, and equitable treatment for all.
February	Citizenship	Being an informed, responsible, and caring participant in your community.
March	Courage	Doing the right things in the face of difficulty and following your community.
April	Perseverance	Staying the task and not giving up. Demonstrating commitment, pride, and a positive attitude in completing tasks.
May	Hope	Believing you will be successful.



A Typical Day In Kindergarten At Dilworth Elementary School

7:30-8:00 Arrival & Morning Work

Students enter the classroom, unpack, and begin their day practicing literacy, math, technology, or fine-motor skills!

8:00-8:15 DES Announcements & Morning Meeting

During morning meeting, students engage in social-emotional learning through the Caring School Curriculum.

8:15-9:30 Math Whole Group & Math Centers

The Kindergarten math curriculum focuses on hands-on learning and strong mathematical discussions. Students work together to solve math problems and work in different groups geared towards their skill levels.

9:30-10:30 Literacy Modules

Students develop fluency and comprehension skills during this block through interactive read alouds and writing practice.

10:30-11:00 Lunch

11:00-11:30 Recess

11:30-12:35 Literacy Skills Block / Centers

When in Skills Block, students work in groups to practice literacy skills geared towards their independent levels.

12:35-1:20 Specials

During this time, students engage in Music, Physical Education, Media, Spanish, or Art!

1:20-2:00 On Fire Time & Snack

During the ON Fire time, students continue to practice their literacy skills through interactive read alouds that focus on predicting, making connections to the text, retelling, and opinion writing.

2:00-2:45 Science/ Social Studies

In Social Studies students learn about civics & government, history, and geography. In Science, students experiment with force and motion, and learn about living/non living things, Earth systems, and properties of change.

2:45-3:00 Pack up & Dismissal

NOTICE: 2025 – 2026 NC HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Physical Exam/Health Assessments: Parents/guardians must submit a completed NC Health Assessment Transmittal Form for each child who presents for admission into Pre-K, Kindergarten, and all other grades when entering a N.C. public school for the first time unless there is a written religious exemption on file. The Health Assessment must be less than 12 months old at the time of program entry. (General Statute 130A-440; 10A NCAC09.3005)

Immunizations/Vaccines: For school attendance, parents/guardians must ensure that their child has received age-appropriate immunizations as required by law unless there is a written medical or religious exemption on file. (General Statute 130A-152-157)

After your child receives any required immunizations and/or the health assessment, please bring an updated record to school.

2025 - 2026 Immunization Requirements by Grade

This table provides general information about school immunization requirements. ***Some immunizations require exact spacing between doses or age requirements that are not noted here.***

If you have questions, contact your doctor's office or the nurse at the school where your child will attend. See N.C. Administrative Code 10A NCAC 41A.0401 for details.

<u>Pre-K</u> 4 DTP/DTaP/DT 3 Polio 1 - 4 Hib (Note: Dose # depends on vaccine type and age when vaccinated) 3 Hepatitis B 1 MMR 1 Varicella 1 - 4 Pneumococcal (Note: Dose # depends on age when vaccinated)	<u>Grades K – 4</u> 5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td 4 Polio (Note: 4th dose due on or after 4th birthday as of 7/1/15) 1 - 4 Hib (Note: not required after the age of 5 yrs.) 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 2 Varicella 1 - 4 Pneumococcal (Note: not required after the age of 5 yrs. <u>or</u> if born before 7/1/15)	<u>Grades 5 – 6</u> 5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 2 Varicella
<u>Grades 7-10</u> 5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 2 Varicella 1 Tdap 1 MCV ACWY	<u>Grade 11</u> 5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 1 Varicella 1 Tdap 1 MCV ACWY	<u>Grade 12</u> 5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 1 Varicella 1 Tdap 2 MCV ACWY

I have been informed that my child's immunization record and/or health assessment is due on or before their first day of school. I understand that my child will be excluded from school if the required documentation is not received within 30 days of starting school.

Child's/Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Instructions: Give copy to parent/guardian. Attach original to orange card and place in student's cumulative folder.

AVISO: 2025 –2026 EVALUACIÓN DE LA SALUD Y VACUNACIÓN DE NC REQUISITOS DE ASISTENCIA ESCOLAR

Examen físico/valoración de salud: los padres/tutores deben presentar un formulario de valoración de salud de Carolina del Norte para cada niño que se presente para la admisión en jardín infantil, preescolar y todos los demás grados cuando ingrese a una escuela pública de Carolina del Norte por primera vez, a menos que exista una exención religiosa por escrito en el expediente. La valoración de salud debe tener menos de 12 meses de antigüedad al momento de la admisión en el programa. (Estatuto General 130A-440; 10A NCAC09.3005)

Inmunizaciones/vacunas: para la asistencia a la escuela, los padres/tutores deben asegurarse de que sus hijos hayan recibido las vacunas apropiadas para su edad, según lo requerido por la ley, a menos que exista una exención médica o religiosa por escrito en el expediente. (Estatuto General 130A-152-157)

Después de que su hijo reciba las vacunas requeridas y/o la valoración de salud, por favor traiga un registro actualizado a la escuela.

Requisitos de vacunación por grado 2025-26

La siguiente tabla contiene información general sobre los requisitos de vacunación escolar. **Algunas vacunas requieren un intervalo exacto entre las dosis o requisitos de edad que no se indican aquí.**

Si tiene alguna duda, comuníquese con el consultorio de su médico o con la enfermera de la escuela donde asistirá su hijo. Consulte el Código Administrativo 10A NCAC 41A.0401 de N.C. para más detalles.

<u>Jardín infantil</u>	<u>Grados K - 4</u>	<u>Grados 5-6</u>
4 DTP/DTaP/DT 3 Polio 1-4Hib (Nota: el número de dosis depende del tipo de vacuna y la edad de vacunación) 3 Hepatitis B 1 Triple viral 1 Varicela 1 - 4 Neumococo (Nota: el número de dosis depende de la edad de vacunación)	5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td 4Polio (Nota: la 4ª.dosis debe administrarse al cumplir los 4 años a partir del 7/1/15) 1-4Hib (Nota: no es necesaria después de los 5 años) 3 Hepatitis B 2 Triple viral 2 Varicela 1 - 4 Neumococo (Nota: no se requiere después de los 5 años o si se nació antes del 7/1/15)	5 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 Tripleviral 1 Varicela
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He sido informado de que la cartilla de vacunación y/o la valoración de salud de mi hijo deben presentarse el primer día de clase o antes. Entiendo que mi hijo no podrá asistir a la escuela si la documentación requerida no se recibe dentro de los 30 días de comenzar la escuela.

Nombre del niño/estudiante: _____ Fecha de nacimiento: _____

Firma del padre/tutor: _____ Fecha: _____

Instrucciones para la oficina: entregar copia al padre, madre o tutor. Adjunte el original a la tarjeta naranja y colóquelo en el expediente del estudiante.



NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH ASSESSMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

This form and the information on this form will be maintained on file in the school attended by the student named herein and is confidential and not a public record.

(Approved by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Department of Health and Human Services)

PARENT to COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Student Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Birthdate (M/D/YYYY):

School Name:

Home Address:

City:

State:

County:

Parent Information: Name of Parent, Guardian, or person standing in loco parentis:

Telephone(s)

Home:

Work:

Cell Phone:

Health Concerns to be shared with authorized persons (school administrators, teachers, and other school personnel who require such information to perform their assigned duties):

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Medications prescribed for student:

Student's allergies, type, and response required:

Special diet instructions:

Health-related recommendations to enhance the student's school performance:

Vision screening information:

Passed vision screening: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Concerns related to student's vision:





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Hearing screening information:

Passed hearing screening: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Concerns related to student's hearing:

Recommendations, concerns, or needs related to student's health and required school follow-up:

School follow-up needed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Medical Provider Comments:

Please attach other applicable school health forms:

Immunization record attached: ☐

School medication authorization form attached: ☐

Diabetes care plan attached: ☐

Asthma action plan attached: ☐

Health care plans for other conditions attached: ☐

Health Care Professional's Certification

I certify that I performed, on the student named above, a health assessment in accordance with G.S. 130A-440(b) that included a medical history and physical examination with screening for vision and hearing, and if appropriate, testing for anemia and tuberculosis. I certify that the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

Title:

Signature: _____

Date (m/d/yyyy):

Date of Exam (if Different):

Practice/Clinic Name:

Practice/Clinic Address:

Practice/Clinic City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Provider Stamp Here:





January 2016

FORMULARIO DE EVALUACIÓN DE SALUD Y TRANSMISIÓN DE CAROLINA DEL NORTE

Este formulario y la información en este formulario serán archivados en la escuela a la que asistió el estudiante, es confidencial y no es un registro público.

(Aprobado por el Departamento de Instrucción Pública de Carolina del Norte y el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos)

LOS PADRES DEBEN COMPLETAR ESTA SECCIÓN

Nombre del estudiante:

(Apellidos)

(Primer nombre)

(Segundo nombre)

Fecha de nacimiento

Nombre de la escuela :

(mes/día/año):

Dirección:

Ciudad:

Estado:

Condado:

Información de los padres, tutores, apoderados o personas responsables de su cuidado:

Teléfono (s)

Casa:

Trabajo:

Celular:

Las condiciones de salud para ser compartidas con las personas autorizadas (administradores de la escuela, maestros y otro personal escolar que requiera dicha información para realizar sus tareas asignadas):

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Title:

Signature: _____

Date (m/d/yyyy):

Practice/Clinic Name:

Practice/Clinic Address:

Practice/Clinic City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:





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2025-2026 Calendar

Key Dates

Aug. 18 - 22	Teacher Workdays
Aug. 25 Sep. 1	First Day of School
Sep. 9 & 23	Labor Day
Oct. 2 Oct. 31	Teacher Workday
Nov. 4 Nov. 11	Teacher Workday
Nov. 26 Nov. 27 - 28	Nov. Q1 (46 days) Ends Teacher Workday
Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Jan. 19 Jan. 21 Jan. 23	Dec. Veterans Day Teacher Workday
Feb. 23 Feb. 16	Thanksgiving Break
Mar. 3 & 20	Winter Break
Apr. 2 Apr. 3	MLK, Jr. Day
Apr. 6-10 May 25 Jun. 10 Jun. 11 - 12	Apr. Q2 (42 days) Ends Teacher Workday
	Teacher Workday
	Teacher Workday
	Q3 (47 days) Ends
	Teacher Workday
	Spring Break
	Memorial Day
	Q4 (42 days) Ends
	Teacher Workday

-  17 Workdays
-  10 Annual Leave Days
-  11 Holidays
-  04 Early Release Days
-  04 Last Day of Quarter

Total Instructional Hours:

Minimum of 1063

Makeup Days:

- Jan. 23 3. March 20 5. June 11
- Feb. 16 4. April 3

This calendar reflects the 2025-2026 academic calendar approved by the Board of Education on April 30, 2024. School makeup days will be used in the order listed. The superintendent may waive up to four makeup days. S.S. L. 2022-59/58 671 authorized the use of Remote instruction for emergency closures such as inclement weather.

A regularly updated list of school closure and makeup days is available by clicking on the Calendar Quicklink at www.cmsk12.org.

JULY 2025

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*July 4th Holiday for 12-month employees only

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August 25th First Day of School

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June 10th Last Day of School

DILWORTH ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL INFORMATION

K - 5: 405 E. Park Ave, 28203 (980-343-2240)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

How do I keep up with school news?

Websites: www.dilworthpta.org, <https://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/dilworthES>

Newsletter: www.DilworthPTA.org (sign up for the weekly *Dragon Dispatch*)

Facebook: PTA www.facebook.com/dilworthelementary

Twitter: Dilworth Elementary

Parent Square: Your cell phone and email will be added to our Parent Square System. Please download the Parent Square app to your phone. Daily, you will receive bus information. Periodically, you will receive important school messages. Please make sure we always have your current cell phone in our records.

What are the school hours?

Arrival for students: 7:30 - 8:00 am

Class 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Dismissal: 2:50 - 3:00pm

Office closes 3:15 pm

Students are marked tardy after 8:00 am

How do I register as a volunteer?

We love volunteers, and it is a great way to get to know other parents and staff at the school. In order to volunteer, you must be registered with CMS. Go to www.cmsvolunteers.com. In your registration, you can select up to 5 schools. Please select Dilworth Elementary: Dilworth Elementary: Latta Campus. **YOU MUST DO THIS EVERY YEAR TO STAY CURRENT.**

How do I become involved with the PTA?

Signups for Room Parents, Learning Buddies, and many other committee volunteer opportunities will be available at the fall open house and online during the first few weeks of school.

Am I able to visit my child at school?

Beginning on October 6th, you are able to have lunch with your child. You are welcome to bring in outside food. You may sit with your child by the fish pond and in the courtyard. No one other than your child may eat the food you bring. For any other visitation or meetings with your teacher, please contact your child's teacher. Parents will not be allowed to the classroom without an appointment with the teacher or a scheduled time needed for a volunteer. Any time you enter the building, whether to volunteer or eat lunch with your child, you will be required to check in at the front office with a government-issued photo ID. Pictures of your ID on your phone will not be accepted.

If I need to speak to my child's teacher, what is the best way to contact her/him?

At Open House, your child's teacher will let you know the best way to communicate with her/him. This will probably be by phone, email and/or Parent Square. All faculty and staff email addresses can be found on the school websites: schools.cms.k12.nc.us/dilworthES. All staff can be emailed directly from these websites.

STARTING SCHOOL

When will I find out the name of my child's teacher?

Teachers come back on August 16th. Teachers will reach out to you by phone. Please make sure we have your correct phone number and address in our system.

What supplies will my child need for school and how do I order school supplies?

Please visit our PTA website for information about school supplies needed for each grade level.
www.DilworthPTA.org

Can I walk my child to class?

Parents can walk their children to their classroom door until September 5th. Please be mindful that the teachers are busy getting ready for the day and do not try to have a conference with the teacher during this time. Please remember that all parents will have to sign in at the front office with a government issued ID prior to going to the classroom. Pictures of your ID will not be accepted.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Can my child eat breakfast at school?

Yes. A cold breakfast choice is available to all students at NO CHARGE. Students need to arrive early enough to be able to grab breakfast and still make it to class on time.

What time does my child eat lunch?

Class schedules will be shared by your child's teacher.

Is my child served lunch at school?

Students have the option of buying lunch or bringing lunch from home. The lunch menus can be found at CMSK12.ORG -> Departments -> School Nutrition Services.

How do I pay for school lunch?

You can put money on your child's account and view your child's purchases at www.paypams.com.

What if I forget to send money and forget to send lunch?

Your account will be debited and we will contact you with a bill.

Can I bring birthday treats for the class on my child's birthday?

Birthday treats are allowed to be sent into the school for students and their classmates to eat during lunch. All treats must be store-bought with an ingredient label and be nut-free.

Please note: no balloons, candy, or treat bags are allowed. Food Items are only for the students in your child's class.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

What happens if my child is tardy?

If there are no staff members in the carpool line and the doors are closed, please park and come into the front office to sign your child into school. All students must be accompanied by an adult and cannot enter the school building after carpool without an adult.

Who do I contact when my child will be absent from school?

Notes for excused absences will only be taken online this year. To report an absence, please go to the [Dilworth Website](#) and click the tab on the right side of the page: Report an absence. This will send an electronic note to our registrars. If you have a physical note from the doctor you may attach it electronically or send it in with your child. Please DO NOT call the office to report an absence.

What are excused versus unexcused absences?

Excused absences include student sickness, student doctor appointments, death in the family, court appointments, or the bus not showing up. All other absences are unexcused. If your child has an absence or a tardy, you will receive an automated phone call letting you know. It usually takes the school a couple of days to update our system from unexcused to excused. If you receive an automated phone call and believe the absence is excused, please check Powerschool after several days to see if the absence has been updated. If needed you may contact: kathrynf.hilderbrand@cms.k12.nc.us

What do I do if I need to pick my child up early from school?

Please try to make appointments after school. If you do have to pick your child up early, send a note to your child's teacher to let her/him know the time. Come into the front office to sign your child out early. Your child will be called for early dismissal and will come meet you in the office. ALL adults allowed to pick up your child MUST be listed as an emergency contact on your information card, which you will complete at the beginning of school. **The latest you can pick up for early dismissal is 2:00pm. (See below.)**

What is the latest time I can pick my child up early from school?

2:00 pm. We do not allow early dismissal, FOR ANY REASON, after the designated time. If you need to get to a doctor/dentist appointment or are leaving town early for vacation, remember to pick up before the designated time for your campus. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

HEALTH INFORMATION

What health forms are required for school enrollment?

A NC Health Assessment (completed by your doctor) and current immunization record are required the first time your child is enrolled in a NC school. If you need a copy of a blank Health Assessment or need to know the immunization requirements for your child's grade, please contact the school.

If my child gets sick or hurt at school, what happens?

If a child gets sick or hurt at school, the teacher will send the child to the health room (located off the main front office). The nurse will evaluate the child. If the child needs to go home, parents will be contacted to pick

up. In some cases, the child may need to rest a few minutes, may need a band aid or may need ice for a bump. Parents may still be contacted but will not be required to pick up the child.

If my child is sick, when can he/she return to school?

Students must be symptom-free without medicine for 24 hours before they can return to school.

Is a doctor's note required when my child is absent for sickness or an appointment?

After 10 absences, in order for the absence to be excused, the school will need a note from the doctor. If your child has a routine doctor's appointment and comes in late or misses the entire day, always get a note from the doctor. Please submit these notes and report the absence online on our website.

What if my child needs to keep medicine at school or has dietary restrictions or allergies?

If your child needs to take a daily medicine (prescription OR non-prescription) during school hours or needs to keep "as needed" medicine (e.g., an inhaler) at school, please complete the appropriate health form. Go to CMSk12.org -> Departments -> Coordinated School Health -> [Health Related Forms and Documents](#). Print and complete the appropriate form. Your child's doctor will also have to sign the form. Bring the form with the medicine (if applicable) in its original container to the school nurse.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Will my child be assigned a bus?

You must create an account at <https://cmsnc.alphaportal.app>. Once you create an account, add any student who will require bus transportation to your account. After adding your child, you may request a bus. You will need your child's student ID number. Please call the school office if you do not have this.

What if my bus is really late the first few weeks?

It takes transportation a few weeks to get the routes consistent. Your bus might be running late (even 30 minutes late), so please be patient. Students are never marked tardy when they arrive on the bus, and they will be offered breakfast. At dismissal we will send notifications through the Parent Square app to inform parents when our buses have left the lot.

How early do I need to be at the bus stop?

Always be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to your assigned time. For example, if your child's morning bus is scheduled to come at 6:55, you must be at the stop no later than 6:45. Do not depend on the HereComesTheBus app. No matter what the app says, you must be at the stop. Buses are considered "on time" 10 minutes early or 10 minutes late.

How do I change my child's bus stop location?

Go to <https://cmsnc.alphaportal.app>.

- Student Ridership (use if your child does not have transportation and you need to add it)
- Unsafe Stop Request (use if you believe your child's stop is not safe)

How do I track my child's bus?

Signing up is EASY! On your desktop computer, you can sign up at <https://herecomesthebus.com/getting-started/>. You will need the district code (**73877**) and your student's ID number (call the school if you need the ID). For your smartphone or tablet, download the **Here Comes the Bus** app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). For help with HereComesTheBus, please call 1-844-854-9316.

If I have a bus issue, who do I contact?

Contact the school or Myers Park Transportation at 980-343-5808.

How do I indicate if my child has a different dismissal transportation schedule throughout the week?

If your child has different ways of getting home throughout the week (i.e., if he/she is a car rider on Thursdays but rides the bus every other day), please send a **written note (NOT EMAIL)** to your child's teacher, so they are aware of your child's daily schedule. This also applies if your child has an afterschool club or activity he/she attends on certain days of the week. Send a note when the activity starts and send another note when the activity stops. Emails to your child's homeroom teacher will NOT be allowed. If you forget to send a note with your child you may fill out the change transportation form online. **All changes must be through the online form or handwritten note and requested prior to 1:30.** If you fill out the transportation form online an email confirmation will be sent to you after 1:30 confirming the school has received your request and communicated it to the teacher. **TEACHERS CANNOT CHECK EMAIL THROUGHOUT THE DAY**, please fill out the form online so we can ensure everyone gets home appropriately.

Can I change my child's transportation if an emergency comes up during the day? Yes. All changes must be made in writing. Please go to Dilworth website and complete the transportation change form. Transportation changes must be received in writing by 1:30 pm. This should only be used for emergency situations. Transportation change requests are not guaranteed until confirmed by the school. Otherwise, please have your child continue with regular transportation.

CARPOOL & WALKER INFORMATION

What is the morning carpool procedure?

Morning carpool starts at 7:30 am. You do not get out of your car. For safety reasons, students MUST be able to get out on the passenger side of the car. Students are late if they are not in school by 8:00 am. (The first few weeks of school, we realize this might take a little longer.) **We look for the LAST car in the line when the bell rings. If you are not in the line when the bell rings, you are marked late and will need to come into the school to sign the tardy card.**

What is the afternoon carpool procedure? Afternoon carpool starts at 3:00 pm. **Carpool signs are REQUIRED for pick up.** Place the blue (K-5), with your child's name on it, in your front passenger window. Signs can be obtained in the front office or from your child's teacher. You do not get out of your car. For safety reasons, students MUST be able to get in on the passenger side of the car. You CANNOT park and walk in to get your child. If you are not in the carpool line when carpool has finished, you are **considered late and will need to park and come into the office to sign your child out. After three late pick-ups you will be required to have your child ride a bus in the afternoon.**

What is the walker procedure? In the morning, if you walk your child to school, please use the sidewalks in front of the school and by the tennis courts and cross at the crosswalk to access the front doors. To pick up in the afternoon, **walker cards are REQUIRED.** These cards can be obtained in the front office or from your child's teacher. The walker pickup is located by the playground door near the Media Center. Students must be picked up **NO LATER** than 3:00 pm.

Independent Walkers Policy

Students in 3rd through 5th grade who walk home are eligible for Independent Walker dismissal. To be granted permission for Independent Walker status, **parents must complete the Independent Walker Google form**, provided by your child's teacher at the beginning of the year. Independent walkers will be given a walker pass, once form is completed to identify to staff that the student is an independent walker.

INDEPENDENT WALKERS Grades 3-5:

Independent Walkers are released independently via the Walker Door on the school playground at 3:00pm. **Parents of Independent Walkers must give the school permission to release their child, via written note.** THIS OPTION IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5. All notes must be kept on file. The school is not responsible for students once they step off school property. No crossing guards can escort children across streets. Please contact the school with any questions.

INDEPENDENT WALKERS Grades K-1:

K-1 students are NOT PERMITTED TO BE INDEPENDENT WALKERS. Parents of K-1 walkers must pick up their child at the Walker Door at 3pm. **Parents must present their Walker Card** to a school representative at dismissal to retrieve their child. Walker Cards can be obtained from your child's teacher and/or the front office.

2nd grade students with a sibling in Grades 3-5 are eligible for Independent Walker status. Parents who would like to allow their 2nd grade student to walk home independently with their older sibling(s) must complete the Independent Walker Google Form that can be obtained from your child's teacher at the beginning of the year. Independent walkers will be given a walker pass once form is completed to identify to staff that the student is an independent walker.

CLUBS AND AFTER SCHOOL OPTIONS

Does CMS have an after school program?

Yes. Information, pricing and online registration for the CMS After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) can be found at CMSk12.org -> Departments -> [ASEP](#) and they can be reached at 980-343-5567.

Can my child attend activities at the Tom Sykes Rec Center?

Yes, you will register directly with Tom Sykes. Once your child is confirmed for a class, contact your child's teacher to let her/him know the day(s) your child will need to go to Tom Sykes. Tom Sykes personnel will greet all children by the bus lot. When the class ends, it is the parent's responsibility to inform teachers that the class has ended and how your child should go home.

What if my child will not be going to his/her after school activity?

Please contact the club and let them know your child will be absent. Please write a note to let the school know how your child will get home.

DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

What is the dress code for Dilworth?

Students should come to school neatly dressed. Shorts should be a modest length, and shirts should cover the entire midsection. Clothing cannot display inappropriate images or print. Clothing should support active play activities. No flip flops or slides, hats, or hoods are permitted. Only closed toe shoes with a back are allowed. No extended nails (press on) are allowed. Cell phones and Smart Watches must be powered off and kept in backpacks during the day. Purses are not permitted to be worn during the day and should be kept in backpacks or in the nurse's office.

DRAGON HOUSES

What is a Dragon House? All students are sorted into one of four Dragon Houses. During the first week of school, new students will select a marble that indicates which Dragon House they will join: Blue Drakes, Green Hydras, Lemon Lime Lindorms, and Orange Ouroboros. They keep this Dragon House their entire time at Dilworth. Dragon Houses compete for recognition at the quarterly Dragon House assemblies and during Field Day at the end of the school year.

What is a Dragon Dollar?

Dragon dollars are paper certificates awarded to students by Dilworth staff. They recognize "On Fire" (Fair, Integrity, Respectful, Extraordinary) Dragon behavior. Dragon dollars are turned in and counted prior to quarterly Dragon House assemblies.

What is Dragon of the Week?

Every week, teachers will select one student in their class to be the "Dragon of the Week." The student has their photo displayed on the Dragon House bulletin board and has other special privileges that week as determined by his/her teacher. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to eat lunch with their child the Friday of their special week. Every student will be Dragon of the Week at some point during the school year.