Welcome Day Schedule

Murray Nature School

Monday, August 10, 2026

Please proceed to the Welcome Center at the Inquiry Studio upon arrival. Our staff will greet you and provide your welcome packet, which includes important information such as your event name tags, carpool numbers, school calendar, and other items you and your family will need before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 12. Siblings attending with Nature School students will have supervised drop-in care provided adjacent to the Inquiry Studio.

Bringing Supplies: Nature Preschool families should bring nap/rest supplies and extra changes of clothes to avoid having the children carry all their belongings into the forest on the first day of school. **Nature Kindergarten** and **Nature First Grade** families should also bring all supplies, including extra changes of clothes, at this time.

(Nature school families are also invited to stop by Welcome Day on our Walton Way campus Tuesday, August 11, to purchase spirit wear from the EDS Association's pop-up shop, meet representatives from our food service provider, and check out the renovated lunchroom.)

Schedule **Monday, August 10, 2026**	**Nature Prekindergarten**	**Nature Kindergarten**	**Nature First Grade**
Check-In & Information Session: Inquiry Studio at Flowing Wells Campus Our enthusiastic staff will greet you and provide your welcome packet containing important information, such as your event name tags, carpool numbers, school calendar, and other items you and your family will need **before the first day of school.**	**8:30-8:45 am**	**8:45-9:00 am**	**9:00-9:15 am**
Walk to the yurts and the first-grade building with your grade-level group. Led by teachers and assistants, families will walk into the forest for grade-level information sessions. **(***Families will bring supplies to the classroom structure at this time)**	**8:45-9:00 am**	**9:00-9:15 am**	**9:15-9:30 am**
Grade Level Teacher Presentations Children will stay with assistants while adults head to the yurts and first-grade building for their information sessions.	**9:00-9:20 am**	**9:15-9:40 am**	**9:30-9:50 am**
Departure Families walk back to the inquiry studio	**9:20-9:45 am**	**9:40-10:00 am**	**9:50-10:15 am**

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Walton Way Campus

Please proceed to the Welcome Center at the school's front entrance upon arrival. Our staff will greet you and provide your welcome packet containing important information, such as your event name tags, carpool numbers, school calendar, and other items you and your family will need **before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 12.**

Preschool Families

Packet Pickup: Please follow the schedule below to pick up your welcome packet and proceed to your child's designated classroom.

- **Classroom Visit:** Preschool children will remain with their families to explore the classroom and meet the teachers and assistants. Older siblings may be dropped off in the gym for supervised play.
- **Bringing Supplies:** Preschool families are asked to bring their child's nap and rest supplies on Welcome Day to minimize disruptions on the first day of school.
- After the information session, families are encouraged to make their way to our first grade hall to visit the EDS Association's pop-up spirit shop and visit the lunchroom to meet representatives from our new food service provider and check out the renovated space.

Preschool Schedule

(Panther Cubs/Threes/PreKindergarten)

Classroom Location Teacher	**Check in at the Welcome Table and make your way to the classroom**	**Information session with the classroom teacher and assistant** *(Preschool children will remain with their families during this time)*
Panther Cubs *Mrs. Robertson* *Ms. Maryniak* ***Room 123***	**8:30 a.m.**	**8:45-9:15 a.m.**
Threes & Panther Explorers *Mrs. Smith-**Room 125*** *Mrs. Janousek* *Mrs. Hammond-**Room 124*** *Mrs. Ramazzini*	**8:30 a.m.**	**8:45-9:15 a.m.**
PreKindergarten *Mrs. Stevenson-**Room 110*** *Mrs. Kendrick*	**8:30 a.m.**	**8:45-9:15 a.m.**

*Mrs. Rodgers-**Room 111*** *Mrs. Scott* *Mrs. Spencer-**Room 112*** *Mrs. Sigwald*		

Lower School Families

Packet Pickup: Please follow the schedule below to pick up your welcome packet and proceed to your child's classroom.

Any Nature School or Middle School students in attendance should report to the gym for drop-in care.

- **Meet the Teacher:** Students will meet their teacher and head to the playground for supervised activities.
- **Presentation:** While students are on the playground, adults will remain in the classroom for a brief presentation by the teacher.
- **Lunchroom and Spirit Shop:** After the presentation, families are invited to visit the EDS Association's spirit shop in the first grade hall as well as the lunchroom to meet representatives from our new food service provider and check out the renovated space.
- **Reunion:** Families return to the classroom to pick up their child.

Bringing Supplies: Lower School students should wait to bring school supplies to campus until the first day of school, Wednesday, August 12th.

Lower School Schedule

(Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth Grades)

Classroom Location Teacher	**Check in at the welcome table and make your way to the classroom**	**Information session and student activities**	**Students return to the classroom, and families visit the spirit shop and lunchroom.**
Kindergarten *Mrs. Moss-**Rm 109*** *Mrs. Wheeler & Mrs. McDonnell* *Mrs. DeRosier-**Rm 108*** *Ms. Barrett*	**9:00**	**9:20-9:40**	**9:40-10:00**
First Grade *Mrs. Ellington- **Rm 120*** *Mrs. Harris* *Mrs. Alexander- **Rm 118*** *Mrs. Dockery* *Mrs. Holm*	**9:45**	**10:00-10:20**	**10:20-10:30**

Second Grade *Mrs. Perry-**Rm. 102*** *Ms. Ramsey- **Rm 103*** *Mrs. Davis- **Rm 104***	**10:15**	**10:30-10:50**	**10:50-11:00**
Third Grade *Mrs. Howeth-**Rm 202*** *Ms. Scarborough- **Rm 203*** *Ms. Melbourne- **Rm 204***	**10:45**	**11:00-11:20**	**11:20-11:30**
Fourth Grade *Mrs. Davis- **Rm 214*** *Mrs. Dowling **Rm 201***	**11:15**	**11:30-11:50**	**11:50-12:00**

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Middle School Families

Welcome Day for middle school will include structured orientation and activities for all 5th-grade students and families, as well as for new-to-EDS students in grades 6–8.

Returning 6th–8th grade students and families should plan to drop in between 8:30–9:30 AM or 11:30 AM–12:30 PM to greet teachers, locate classrooms, and pick up Welcome Day packets.

Curriculum Night in the fall will offer a more in-depth opportunity for returning families to connect with teachers and learn about the academic program.

5th Grade Students and Families:

- **Packet Pickup:** Upon arrival, please visit the Welcome Center at the school's front entrance to pick up your packet.
- **Orientation and Welcome Activities:** Students and families will follow a scheduled series of orientation and welcome activities to support the transition to middle school.
- **Lunchroom and Spirit Shop:** After the presentation, families are invited to visit the EDS Association's spirit shop in the first-grade hall and the lunchroom to meet representatives from our new food service provider and check out the renovated space.

New 6th–8th Grade Students and Families:

- **Packet Pickup:** Upon arrival, please visit the Welcome Center at the school's front entrance to pick up your packet.
- **Orientation and Welcome Activities:** Students and families will follow a scheduled series of orientation and welcome activities to support the transition to middle school.
- **Lunchroom and Spirit Shop:** After the presentation, families are invited to visit the EDS Association's spirit shop in the first-grade hall and the lunchroom to meet representatives from our new food service provider and check out the renovated space.

Returning 6th–8th Grade Students and Families:

- **Packet Pickup:** Upon arrival, please visit the Welcome Center at the school's front entrance to pick up your packet.
- **Drop-In Visit:** Returning students and families should plan to drop in any time between 8:30–9:30 AM or 11:30 AM–12:30 PM to say hello to teachers, locate classrooms, and ease first-day nerves.
- **Lunchroom and Spirit Shop:** After the presentation, families are invited to visit the EDS Association's spirit shop in the first-grade hall and the lunchroom to meet representatives from our new food service provider and check out the renovated space.

Bringing Supplies: Middle school students should wait to bring school supplies and locker items until the first day of school, Wednesday, August 12. Advisors will support students with locker setup and organization during the first week of school.

Middle School Schedule

8:30-9:30	**Returning 6th–8th Grade Families and Students:** Drop-In for Teacher and Classroom visits. Students and families are invited to visit the spirit shop and lunchroom. **6th Grade:** English - Mrs. Thomae (Rm 218) Science - Mr. Donnell (Rm 217) Geography - Mr. Slayden (Rm 219) Math - Ms. Haag (Rm 220) Spanish - Sra. Setter (Rm 216) **7th/8th Grade:** English - Mrs. McGill (Rm 211) Science - Ms. Geel (Rm 208) History - Mr. Mundell (Rm 209) Math - Dr. Bullock (Rm 212) Spanish - Sra. Setter (Rm 216)
5th Grade Families and Students	
9:15	**5th Grade students and parents arrive:** Check-in begins at 9:15.
9:30	**Split Session begins:** Parents (Rm 210): Parent Orientation Students (Rm 209): Student Orientation
10:15	**Classroom visits begin** (parents meet teachers; students continue orientation) 5.1 Math (Rm 220) 5.2 Social Studies (Rm 219)
10:30	**Classroom visits** 5.1 Science (Rm 217) 5.2 English (Rm 218)
10:45	**Classroom visits** 5.1 Social Studies (Rm 219) 5.2 Spanish (Rm 101)

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English - Mrs. Thomae (Rm 218)
Science - Mr. Donnell (Rm 217)
Geography - Mr. Slayden (Rm 219)
Math - Ms. Haag (Rm 220)
Spanish - Sra. Setter (Rm 216)
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Room 210</td></tr>
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English - Mrs. Thomae (Rm 218)
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FAQs

What can I expect?

During the parent program on Welcome Day, each teacher will provide an information sheet that offers an overview of the class, including details on communication, curriculum, and expectations, as well as an introduction to their classroom. We hope that this initial meeting will open lines of communication and foster a spirit of positive collaboration and community.

What should I do if I have children with teacher presentations occurring at the same time or overlapping times, or if I am unable to attend the event?

We have done our best to stagger our programming so families can attend their children's presentations. We will maintain a record of everyone who does not attend, and your packets will be available in the front office on the first day of school. Additionally, your child's teacher will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. We will ensure that you have the necessary information for a successful start to the school year.

What do I do with my older child while I am in the session with my younger child?

Older siblings should report to the gym until it is time for their class program. Following each session, parents may pick up an older sibling in the gym and drop off a younger sibling. We will have activities in the gym for the children to enjoy if their parents are attending sessions for siblings. Each child will be able to meet their teacher at the beginning of their assigned time and be well cared for while parents attend sibling sessions.

When should my child bring their school supplies to school?

- **Preschool families** may bring their child's supplies to the classroom on Welcome Day to minimize disruption on the first day of school.

- **Lower and Middle school students** should wait to bring school supplies or locker items to school on Wednesday, August 12th. Middle school advisors will work with students on setting up their binders, lockers, and organizing their belongings during the first weeks of school.

- Our **Nature School** lead teachers will be available in room 119 to meet with any families who are unable to attend the Nature School Welcome Day on August 10th.