

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to kindergarten! Can you believe it's here already? Whether you have students already enrolled at PDY or this is your first time in our district, you may have a lot of questions and we want to help. On August 9th, 2023, the Transportation Department will be hosting a special event called Kindergarten Kick-Off at Delta Elementary School that will introduce kindergarten students to the school bus and help get them ready for the first day of school.

Parents have the opportunity to register eligible incoming kindergarten students for this fun event, which is geared toward getting students ready for riding the bus and all that comes along with getting safely to and from school each day. Registration will open on June 1, 2023 and remain open through June 30, 2023. This will be a fun event filled with important information for both students and parents.

PLEASE SEE REGISTRATION LINK BELOW

All incoming kindergarten students are welcome and encouraged to attend Kindergarten Kick-Off, whether they will be daily bus riders or not. Parents/Guardians can even sign up to ride the bus with their child *to the event!* We will require at least one parent/guardian to ride the bus to DES along with the student, but we will have space for two adults per student. Every student and adult that will ride the bus must be registered prior to the event.

Families will receive a letter in mid-July with a reminder, and those who choose to utilize bussing to and from this event will receive their pickup time/location and instructions for the first pickup of the day. All Kindergarten Kick-Off activities will take place in the cafe at Delta Elementary School. We will begin welcoming students and parents into the building at 10:30 a.m. and our Kick-Off will begin at 11:00 a.m. We will wrap things up and load the buses for the trip back home by 1:00 p.m.

At Kick-Off, students will have a chance to meet their bus driver and take pictures with Buster the Bus. Our hope is that when you and your child leave the Kick-Off you will be comfortable and confident in your transportation plan and know that your child's safety is our number one priority.

*There will be many opportunities for pictures at this event and parents are encouraged to get those "first ride" pictures when your student loads the bus the first time on Kick-Off day!!

Please email questions to Brandi Sutton, Transportation Supervisor, at bsutton@pdys.org

USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/hiTh8MSwfa9ATipR9>

*registration form will not be available until June 1, 2023