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## July 24, 2025

Good afternoon, Gust community,

While the temperature tells us that we are still in the midst of summer, it's time to start thinking about the first day of school! The Gust staff are excited to welcome your students into their classrooms and embark on the 2025-26 school year. We have a couple of important dates approaching that we would like you to mark on your calendar.

### **Registration Assistance**

Thank you to all of our families who have already completed registration! If you need support, please plan on stopping by Gust on August 4th, 5th and 6th between 8-1. All families with ECE students or students new to DPS must complete in-person registration. Ready to register online? Visit <https://myportal.dpsk12.org/>.

Registration instructions can be found at the [DPS SchoolChoice Website](#).

Please also complete the school lunch application form at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>.

If you have any registration questions, please get in touch with Gust's main office at [\(720\) 424-6560](tel:7204246560). The main office will open on July 28th at 9:00.

### **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social**

Join the Gust Community for our annual Back-to-School Night and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 13, from 4:00-5:30. Classrooms will be open from 4:00-5:00, so your family can see the space where your child will learn during the 2025-2026 school year. From 5:00-5:30, our entire Gust community will gather on the playground courtyard to share ice cream and get to know each other better before the 2025-2026 school year begins.

### **Afterschool Care**

Discovery Link will be our aftercare provider during the 2025-2026 school year. After-school care will be available from 2:30-6:00 each day for ECE-5th-grade students. Our ECE students will participate in aftercare in a separate space that is just right for our youngest learners!

The fee for Discovery Link for students in grades K-5 is \$9.00 a day, and ECE tuition is \$18.00 a day.



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[The link for registration is now live. Spots are limited.](#)

## **First Day of School**

The first day of school for kindergarten-5th-grade Gust students is August 18. **ECE students will start on August 19.**

Gust Elementary begins welcoming students at 7:30 for breakfast in the classroom. To be considered on-time, students must be in the building by 7:40. Breakfast ends at 7:40 and students are marked tardy at 7:45.

[Just like last year, we will have staggered dismissal times. Times are linked here.](#)

## **School Supplies**

School supplies for the 2025-2026 school year will be provided for all students! All your student needs to bring is a backpack and a water bottle.

At registration or on [MySchoolBucks](#), the total activity and supply cost is \$40. Our preferred payment method is via MySchoolBucks. This fee will cover all supplies and excursions for the school year. Please set up a MySchoolBucks account. Free and discounted options are available.

## **Staffing Update**

Our amazing office staff, Maria and Xochitl, are returning this year. They are available to answer any questions you may have about the happenings at Gust Elementary.

We are welcoming Dr. Leslie Hillen to our leadership team. Dr. Hillen is a Learn-to-Lead resident at Gust Elementary during the 25-26 school year. She will be learning and leading alongside Gust staff in preparation to lead another DPS school during the 26-27 school year. In addition to welcoming Leslie, we also have Rae West joining us as our AN Center social worker, and Tea Petretti as a 4th-grade teacher.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! We can't wait to see everyone during registration assistance and at our ice cream social during Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 13!



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