

PreK-5th Grade Back to School Email 2016-17

July 11, 2016

Dear Farragut Families,

I am looking forward to seeing my new and returning students and having all of you as part of our Lower School student body. I have compiled some information as you prepare for the **start of school on Monday, August 22nd**. Please do not hesitate to email Patti Croft, my Administrative Assistant at pcroft@farragut.org or call our office at 727-346-2494 if you have any further questions.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Back to School Night: Thursday, August 18th

PreK-3rd Grade Back to School Night Schedule

- **4:00-4:30pm Visit the Roy M. Speer Student Center**
 - Meet After School Activities Directors, Parent's Group Rep, Admiral's Athletic Club Rep, Spanish Teacher, Chinese Teacher, STEM Teacher
 - Get information and sign-up for clubs and activities (Kindergarten-3rd grade)
 - Update paperwork if needed
- **4:30-5:00 pm Meet the Teacher**
 - Become familiar with the classroom and relieve some of the "first day" jitters.
 - School supplies can be brought in at this time.
- **5:15-6:00 pm Parents Meet with Teachers in Their Classrooms**
 - Review expectations, curriculum and other information pertinent to the class. During this time, students may go to the playground where childcare will be provided at no cost until 6:00 p.m.

4th-7th Grade Back to School Night Schedule

- **5:00-6:00 pm Visit the Roy M. Speer Student Center**
 - Meet Athletic Director, Athletic Coaches, Parents' Group Rep, Admiral's Athletic Club Rep, After School Activities Directors, Drill Team Director, Naval Pride and Tradition Director, Spanish Teacher, Chinese Teacher, STEM Teacher
 - Get locker assignments (4th -7th graders only)
 - Update paperwork if needed
 - Pick-up your schedule for the 6:00-7:30 pm scheduled classroom visitation
- **6:00-7:30 pm Scheduled Classroom Visitation**
 - Beginning promptly at 6:00 pm, experience a shortened rotating class schedule. Each subject teacher will present an overview of their class and classroom expectations.

Parents' Group Back to School Social: Sunday, August 21st

- All parents are invited!
- 6:30-8:30 pm at The Club at Treasure Island
- This is a great opportunity for parents to meet each other and ask faculty and staff questions.
- Dress is resort casual and the event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- Childcare is provided at no cost to PreK-7th graders who are currently enrolled.
- Please RSVP to parentsgroup@farragut2.org and include number of attendees with names and number of children with names and ages.

Overnight Field Trip: February 2-3, 2017

I am excited to announce that this year our 4th & 5th graders will be going on a two day/one night trip to Kennedy Space Center on February 2-3, 2017. More information regarding cost and itinerary will be coming at a later date.

IMPORTANT FORMS

Please make sure all forms have been turned in prior to the start of school. Your child will not be able to start school unless all enrollment requirements are complete and submitted. Fifth-7th grade students participating in after school sports will need to turn in additional required athletic forms. Lower School forms and health/athletic forms can be found on your FOCUS portal.

STARTING SCHOOL

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Students should be dropped off at the Lower School car circle located off of Country Club Road between **7:45 am and 7:55 am**. **Students need to be in their classrooms by 8:00 am**. We ask that for safety reasons, parents and students please stay in your vehicle until the adults and patrols on duty help your children out of the car. We unload two vehicles at a time. Students can be picked up at the Lower School car circle between 3:00 pm-3:15 pm. Adults and patrols will put your child into your car.

Supervision After School

If you need supervision for your child after 3:15 pm, you must [enroll your PreK-5th grade child into Extended Day](#). Additional fees apply. Extended Day goes until 5:30 pm.

UNIFORMS

School Uniform

Farragut khaki shorts, skorts, or pants, Farragut polo, white ankle socks, solid brown leather belt, tennis shoes (not high tops). A solid brown leather belt is to be worn by all 1st-7th grade students if there are belt loops. Students in 4th & 5th grade are required to have the gold physical education shirt with AFA logo. Shirttails are to be tucked in at all times. School uniforms should be purchased in the Ship's Store.

Standards for Hair

Extreme hairstyles or hair color are not permitted. All hairstyles must be neat, clean, and well kept. Boys' hairstyles may not be below the collar of the shirt, below the eyebrow or cover no more than half the ear. Girls need to wear hair close to the head. If hair is long enough, it needs to be worn in a ponytail. Hair that is not long enough for a ponytail needs to be worn off the face. Hair accessories must be simple.

Uniform Fitting & Purchasing

- [Click here to schedule an appointment at the Ship's Store.](#)
- Your confirmation status will initially be shown as pending; however, within 24 hours your appointment date and time will be confirmed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- [School Supply List](#) (all supplies and 4th & 5th grade lock for locker can be brought to school on "Back to School Night")
- [Summer Reading List](#) (3rd grade and up)
 - The 1st-5th grade *Summer Book* is due back on the first day of school and will be counted as a grade.
 - Along with the *Summer Book*, students in 3rd-5th grade are required to select one book from the Summer Reading List.

- Students will take a Reading Counts Quiz on their selected book when they return to school.

We are looking forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Anita Fine
Head of Lower School