



# ATKINSON ACADEMY

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August 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our teachers and staff join me in welcoming you and your child to our school for the upcoming year! We are hard at work getting ready to begin our school year.

In order to ensure a smooth transition between home and school, we will be hosting an Open House for students and parents on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Pre K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades from 3:00 – 4:00 pm and Grades 3 - 5 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Please join us to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and meet other classmates. We hope this time will allow your child to feel comfortable in their new classroom and will result in a successful start to the new school year. All the teachers and specialists will be available to answer any questions that you may have. No formal presentations will be made. We hope that you will join us for this exciting event.

The first day of school will be Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. School begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:10 pm. AM Pre-K is dismissed at 11:10 am and PM Kindergarten begins at 12:30 pm. AM Pre-K students may ride the bus to school and PM Kindergarten students may ride the bus home. Full Day Kindergarten may ride the bus to and from school. First Student will have a bus available for your child to visit during the Open House.

You will find information concerning the bus routes and schedules on our school web site, [www.atkinsonacademy.com](http://www.atkinsonacademy.com) or our district web site, [www.timberlane.net](http://www.timberlane.net) under transportation/bus routes, you will see a link for Edulog Web Query. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child report to the bus stop nearest to their home. The pick-up and drop-off times are approximate. **Note: Bus routes have changed this year so check yours for updates.** Please have your child ready at least five minutes prior to the pick-up time for the first few days of school. After this you should be able to judge the actual pick-up time and adjust your schedule accordingly. If you drive your child to school, you may drop them off at the front entrance between 8:20 – 8:30. Staff members will be there to greet students. **Please note the school hours are 8:30 – 3:10.** Children arriving after **8:30** will be considered tardy. AM Pre-K dismissal and PM Kindergarten drop-off will be at the front entrance. Please line up along the front circle no earlier than 11:00 am for AM pickup and no earlier than 12:20 for PM drop off. Unless your child is late, PLEASE do not park your car and walk your child into the building. Staff will be available to assist your child in and out of the cars. The end of the day pick-up begins at 3:10 pm. Please let the classroom teacher know in writing if there is a change in going home. Please call Sandy Hodgkins (transportation coordinator) at 382-6119 if you have bus questions.

The cost of hot lunch is \$12.50 for the week (\$2.50 per day). If your child wishes to purchase milk to drink with a bagged lunch, it is \$2.50 per week (\$.50 per day). Half day Pre-K and Kindergarten students do not have school lunch or milk but are able to bring a snack or drink. Whitson's Culinary Group will be sending home more information regarding payment options.

Please remember to update your child's student profile and emergency contact information in InfoSnap by August 26<sup>th</sup>. Instructions for accessing InfoSnap for returning students were mailed to you last week.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us August 30th. We believe that your child's first day of school should be an enjoyable one. Our teachers are looking forward with great enthusiasm to meeting your child. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 362-5521 ext 6301 or e-mail me at [kathleen.dayotis@timberlane.net](mailto:kathleen.dayotis@timberlane.net). Mrs. Patrice Liff joins me in wishing your child a wonderful new school year.

Sincerely,

*Kathie*

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