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Dear Families of Robins K-8 School,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope your summer was safe and you found some excitement and had some fun. I want to WELCOME all new students and families to Robins K-8 and welcome back our returning students! It is a great place to be! Thank you for saying "YES" to Robins K-8! As students are getting ready for their return to school, please know that we are preparing for their arrival.☺ Here are a few reminders for you:

1. School starts on Thursday, August 6th @ 7:45 a.m.

- a. Supervision will be provided on campus at 7:15 a.m. *Please remember that before 7:15 a.m. your child (ren) should not be on campus for safety reasons.*
- b. Kindergarten students will be dropped off and picked up at the purple kinder gate at the front parking lot by their classrooms.
- c. 1st – 5th grade students are dropped off and picked up at the main playground.
- d. 2nd - 5th grade students will line up at 7:40 a.m. on the playground and 1st grade students line up on the west cafeteria patio. Teachers will have signs so that students will know where to line up.
- e. K-5 students will receive a color-coded NAME CARD for parents to display in their windows for a quick/smooth pick up during the 1st full week of school.
- f. 6th-8th grade students will wait in the middle school courtyard until the 7:40 a.m. bell and then proceed to their first class.

2. School ends for K-5 at 2:00 p.m. (Mon, Tue, Thurs., Fri.) and at 1:00 pm on Wednesday.

3. School ends for Middle School at 2:45 p.m. (Mon, Tue, Thurs., Fri.) and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

4. There will only be ONE bus pick up time from the school, due to the different end times for K-5 elementary students and middle school students. We will only provide supervision for those students that are waiting for the bus and must remain at school until the buses arrive at 2:45 p.m. Mon, Tue, Thur, Friday. Our monitoring staff will provide supervision for BUS students only. All other students in K-8 must be picked up at their designated dismissal.

5. Breakfast and lunch are FREE for all students enrolled in all 87 TUSD schools! [Here is the link to the website where you can find the monthly meal calendar.](#)

6. Please see the enclosed information regarding immunizations. If you have questions, please give our school nurse or our health assistant a call at 520-908-4317.
7. We will be offering after-school care through TUSD. [Please register through their website.](#)
8. **General School Safety & Health Protocols:**
 - a. We are committed to keeping our students and staff safe and maintaining healthy school environment. We ask that parents, guardians, and family members remain in their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up or park your vehicle and escort your child to the designated gates. We are asking that you remain outside of our fencing to ensure that we keep the number of people on campus limited.
 - b. You are welcome to volunteer in the school and classroom. We ask that you pre-arrange this with the teacher or school. Volunteers may begin as early as September 8th as this will allow the teachers and the school time to settle into our routines and connect with our students. There are specific requirements for authorization to volunteer, please contact the front office for the specifics.
 - c. Our SRO (School Safety Officer) provided to us through the Pima County Sheriff's Office will be present at school as often as possible to support all students, staff and parents with a safe school environment.
 - d. We will continue to have masks available for students if requested. All classrooms and common areas will have access to hand sanitizer. We ask that you send a reusable or a disposable water bottle with your child daily, especially on extremely hot days.
 - e. We will not permit parents, families, or guardians to wait for their child(ren) in the hallways, foyers, or front office for safety reasons. The office area will be for those needing to pick up their child(ren) earlier than dismissal for appointments. If you need to pick up your child early, we ask that you give us a call so that we can have them ready for you to pick up at the front office. *Please partner with us and follow our preference of not picking up your child 15 minutes before the bell rings as that is a busy time of ensuring student safety and appropriate pick up for all.*
 - f. Please review the enclosed flyer regarding ***Birthday Celebrations*** at school and our protocols and procedures.

It is very important that your children are on time each day. Tardiness is not acceptable and has a negative impact on their learning. The bell rings at 7:40 a.m. Teachers begin to walk students in at 7:43 a.m. Students are in their seats at 7:45 a.m. and a tardy bell at 7:47 a.m. Students are considered tardy after the 7:47 a.m. bell daily. All tardy students must sign in at the front office and receive a tardy admit slip to class. Parents will need to accompany their child into the building to sign them in after 7:47 a.m. for security purposes. If your child will be absent, please call Ms. Kristy Melendez, the office manager @ 520-908-4300 or [email us](#).

Safety is always a priority at Robins K-8. Please remember that all doors to the school including the front office and perimeter gates will be locked during the school day. Please remember to use the appropriate drop-off and pick-up areas located at the east and west parking lots. There are two lanes of traffic. The inner lane is for pick up/drop off and the outer lane is for exiting the area. Please remind students to use the marked crosswalk areas. It is UNSAFE to allow your child to exit on the driver's side of the vehicle. Please have students only exit on the passenger side.

We also ask that you follow all designated parking, and no parking area signs. Our parking signs require that you stay in your vehicle during drop-off/ pick-up for safety of the students and effective

traffic flow. At dismissal, all students will be escorted to the designated pick-up area (west parking lot for 1st-5th, kinder @ purple gate, 6th-8th at middle school gate). Please adhere to the posted **HANDICAP** parking signs or marked spaces, as they are not open spots for drop-offs or parking without appropriate permits on your vehicle.

All of us here at Robins K-8 are committed to providing the best education for your students. We need your involvement, ideas, and support. Feel free to call me at 520-908-4300 or [email me](#). You can stay informed about our school and upcoming events by [visiting our website](#). Please join our PTO 2026-27, [email PTO](#) to receive updates and other information. Please sign up for the teacher's CLASS DOJO available at "Meet Your Teacher" day.

This year we are doing something different! WE are hosting 2 events in ONE night! We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, August 4th** for our **"Meet the Teacher" AND "Back to School Night"** see flyer included in this mailing for all the details.

Below are our important dates and events:

- ★ **MIDDLE SCHOOL Orientation for 6th grade and NEW middle school students**, is on Friday, July 31st between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. for 6th graders and NEW middle school students only. Returning students will receive their schedules on the first day of school or can drop by anytime during the week of August 3rd.
- ★ **"MEET YOUR TEACHER" & "Back to School Night"** is on Tuesday, August 4th. This event will take place from 4:00-5:30 p.m. This is the perfect time to meet your teacher and to drop off any supplies that you may have picked up for the classroom over the summer and receive vital information for the school year. ☺
- ★ **"PTO's Meet & Greet for New Parents to Robins K-8"** is on Thursday, August 6th, in the library, shortly after the start of school, we will make an announcement on our speaker system.

- Summer hours =The front office is open daily for registration from 7 a.m. – 2p.m.
- Regular school hours= The front office is open 7:15 am-3:30 p.m.

See you on the first day of school: **Thursday, August 6th!**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chandra Thomas



Drop off and Pick up Map:

