



Greetings Shoemaker Families!

Thank You!

Many thanks to all of you who attended Back-To-School Night. What a great turn out for our very first school-wide event! We hope you walked away from the evening with a better sense of your child's typical day at school, that you got to know your child's crew leader better, and that you also got to experience "Crew" as your child does each day. We also hope that you got to see some of your child's early work from this school year so far. The energy around learning and celebrations of student work was palpable; we know they were excited to share the work with you.

Communication

As we mentioned at Back-to-School-Night, we recognize that our first few weeks of school have been a little bumpy, especially with establishing regular communication between school and home. As the dust settles (literally, in some places! Construction outside is nearing an end!) we intend for you to be well-informed about what's going on at Shoemaker on a more regular basis. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and know that you can expect more regular updates as we move forward. We're also in the process of working with DPS to create a new website to reflect who we are as a learning community.

Parent Involvement - We Want To Hear From You!

Who are you? What do you bring to our school? What do you need from us and how would you like to be involved? Please join our principal at one of two opportunities to build our vision for parent involvement at Shoemaker.

October 26th - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

October 27 - 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

RSVP by e-mail or call our main office at 720-423-9333

**Spanish and Arabic interpreters are available; please let us know if you need interpretation in another language.

Expedition Kick-Off

All of our classrooms are getting started on our first Learning Expeditions! This is our signature curriculum structure that makes learning come alive for students. Expect to see information from your child's crew leader about these expeditions. Here are the topics we're learning about:

ECE - Portrait of An Artist

K/1 - Diggers, Flyers, Crawlers (All about insects!)

2nd/3rd - Whirl, Pop, Whoosh! (Simple machines)

4th/5th - Human Body Systems - what keeps us healthy?

Dismissal / Pick Up

Thank you for your help during our after school pick up times. As a reminder:

- To keep traffic moving, **you may not park or leave your car unattended along the sidewalk in front of the school.** Unattended cars may be ticketed. (Cars may be parked beyond the crosswalk to the south)
- Please continually pull up as far as possible
- We advise a right turn exits only during dismissal to alleviate traffic. To go North on Havana, please access from Girard and turn left on Galena or Dayton

We are working with our construction team for additional striping to designate areas. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

What is “Crew”?

The foundation of a successful school is a strong school community that brings out the best in students and staff. An EL school culture is planned for, developed and sustained through practices that bring the community together, promote shared understandings and encourage all community members to become “crew, not passengers.” Students in EL schools are known well and supported by adults. A “crew” is a group of people who work closely together, like on a ship. In a “crew”, everyone takes an active role. “Crew Leaders” are our teachers and adults in the building who lead the crew along and motivate them to do their best.

We use “Crew” to allow students to build positive relationship with their peers and with their crew leader (teacher). Crew meetings are held at the beginning and the end of the day. Crew meetings provide a time dedicated to relationship building among students and adults. Crew meetings also provide a check-in on how the class is doing in terms of character and academic progress, and how well individuals are doing.

At Shoemaker, our Crew meetings are held from 9:05 - 9:35 AM and 3:45 - 4:00 PM daily. We invite you to come be a part of your child’s crew to see what we are learning.

Important Dates

October 19th and 20th - No School, Teacher In-Service Days

October 26th - Parent Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

October 27th - Parent Meeting 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

October 29th - Picture Day

November 2nd - No School

Job Openings

We have more students than we anticipated and are hiring for new positions. Positions available:

- ECE Paraprofessional - teacher assistants for our preschool classrooms.
- ECE Paraprofessional (Spanish Speaking)
- General Paraprofessional - teacher assistants for general education classrooms also providing student supervision at recess and lunch
- Health Technician - we have a school nurse two days a week, but we also need someone who can help with minor “boo boos” and to help students who are not feeling well. This position will also support us with student supervision.
- ESL Teacher

- Crossing Guards - these individuals will help support with our traffic before and after school.

Volunteering

We LOVE volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our school office to apply. DPS requires a background check. Here's where we need help at Shoemaker:

- Before and after school traffic support
- Lunch and Recess Supervision
- Clerical Help
- Library supervision and shelving books
- Cutting out math materials at home
- Reading with students
- Supporting teachers in the classroom

We love your kids! Thank you for entrusting your children to us, we're having such a great time getting to know them.