

18 Days 'Til School!

Important Dates:

8/13-23.....School Lunch ordering open
8/17.....Teacher/Advisor Assignments Emailed Home
8/23.....Last Day to Order School Lunches for Aug/Sept.
8/25.....Assessments: 2-4th Grade; 5-8th Grades for Distance Learning Students
8/26.....Back to School Open House
8/27.....Assessments: 2-4th Grade; 5-8th Grades for Distance Learning Students
8/31.....First Day of School! Grades 2-8
8/31.....Assessments Grades K-1
9/1.....Assessments Grades K-1
9/2.....First Day of School! Grades K-1

Back to School Open House

When: Wednesday, Aug. 26, Noon - 6:00 PM
(see time slots below)

Where: Your child's classroom, Aspen Academy

What:

- Drop off school supplies
- Meet your teacher
- Complete any forms your teacher may have for you
- Purchase Daily Planners \$5 ea.
- Stop by stations in the gym



Back to School Open House will be held on Wednesday August 26th From 12:00-6:00pm. We are extending the time to reduce the number of people we have in the building at one time to keep our occupancy numbers low. Please plan to only bring Aspen scholars. Please plan to keep younger siblings or siblings attending another school at home.

All families are asked to attend whether your scholars are attending in person or distance learning. It is important for families to meet teachers and also gather the information that will be available in the gym and pick up workbooks. Scholars who are attending in person will bring their supplies and leave them in their classroom during this event.

Some things to note:

- Entrances and Exits will be designated and clearly marked
- Masks/face coverings are required
- Upon arrival, temperatures will be taken

The gymnasium will include stations to support you with the following items of information should you have questions:

- Infinite Campus

- School Dismissal Manager
- Transportation
- Lunch Ordering/FR Lunch Application
- Eagles' Nest Before and After School Care
- School Nurse/Health Aide
- Agendas to be purchased (\$5.00 - cash preferred)
- MS Student Schedules to be picked up
- Covid 19 Safety

We ask that you remain socially distanced while waiting in line at these stations.

The following times are designated for families to attend to ensure attendance numbers are within occupancy rates. Please do your best to attend at your scheduled times.

- **12:00-2:00pm - Families' with Last Names Beginning with: A-Ha**
- **2:00-4:00pm - Families' with Last Names Beginning with: Hb-N**
- **4:00-6:00pm - Families with Last Names Beginning with: O-Z**

Fall Assessments

Classroom teachers/advisor assignments will be sent out Monday, August 17th. All families with scholars in grades 2-4, on site or distance learning, will be receiving a sign up genius to sign up for a time for assessment with their teacher for either August 25 or August 27.



Distance Learners in Grades 2-4

Scholars who are in grades 2-4 AND are distance learning will need to take their online assessment of aReading and aMath in the computer lab after their assigned time with the homeroom teacher. Distance learning families, please plan for extra assessment time for their scholars.

Distance Learners in Grades 5-8

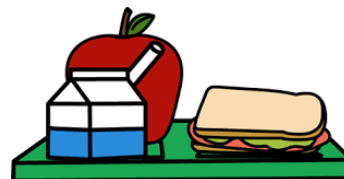
Students in grades 5-8 who are distance learning will also be receiving a sign up to take the aReading and aMath beginning of the year fall assessment at school on either August 25 or August 27. Watch for the email sign up with information from Ms. Dunn.

Parents

We are asking parents to bring scholars to the entrance, staff will take their temperature, and then parents can drop off their scholars. Parents need to wait outside or in their vehicles during assessments to help us reduce the number of adults in the building while students test. Please plan to meet your scholar at the school entrance when they are done. Assessments should take approximately 1 hour.

Time to Order School Lunches!

If you are interested in ordering school lunches for your scholar, the online ordering system is now open.



Online order dates:

August 13 - 23

*No orders will be taken after midnight of the 23rd.

Visit our Lunch Resource page to set up a lunch account, see menus, and order online. <https://aspenacademymn.org/current-families/resources/lunch-menus/>

Lunch Notes:

- Lunches will be cold lunches, pre-packaged, and delivered to classrooms to be eaten this year due to COVID19 safety guidelines.
- There is only one menu which lists the different sandwich/salad options: <https://aspenacademymn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Traditional-Menu-Aug-Sept-2020.pdf>
- [Account Set-up Instructions](#)
- [Lunch Ordering Instructions](#)
- There will not be any lunch ordering on Back to School Night

Free and Reduced Lunch Options

Free and Reduced Lunch applications are available at the office. Please [click here](#) to access the form if you would like to print it from home.

If there are any questions regarding our lunch program, please contact 952-226-5946. If there are any questions regarding free and reduced, please contact Diane Hummel at 952-226-5942.

Fall School Supplies

Fall school supply lists are now available!

You can find our supply lists at many major retailers this year as well as on our website:

[Supply Lists](#)

Need an easy online solution?

Target School Assist on Target.com matches supply lists to products to make shopping easier and faster:

<https://www.target.com/c/school-list-assist/-/N-ojfyt>



School Tool Box: Pre-packaged school supplies:

<https://aspenacademymn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Aspen-Acad-MN-20-FLYER-1.pdf>

*If you choose the School Tool Box, please make sure you allow 2 weeks for shipping. Orders should be placed soon to arrive in time for Back to School Night on August 26.

Please note, for 2020, supply lists are broken up into two categories:

1. In-School
2. At-Home

You will need both supplies in case we need to switch models throughout the year unless you opt for Distance Learning only. If you are Distance Learning only, you only need the At-Home supplies. If you have any gently used items from previous years (ex, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, scissors), you may use those for at home learning.

Important Notes:

- Please note, any In-School supplies will not be traveling home so you need to have similar items for any At-Home learning days during the year.
- In-School items must be individually labeled with your scholar's name (Smaller items such as a pencil/crayon may have initials or an identifying mark).
- No supplies will be shared between scholars this year.
- If you can't find items such as cleaning wipes, a bottle of surface cleaning spray and paper towels can be substituted.
- Daily Planners will be **available to purchase from the school for \$5** at Back to School on Wednesday, August 26.

Before and After School Care (Eagle's Nest)

If you would like to purchase before or after school care, please visit our [Eagle's Nest Resource Page](#). On it, you'll find:

- [Before and After School Care Application](#)
- [Before and After School Care Calendar](#)

Calendars for the first month need to be turned in along with payment by Back to School Night on **Wednesday, August 26**.



Letter from the Nurse

Here are some things to be aware of and complete for school year 2020-2021.

Immunizations: The Minnesota Department of Health, despite the challenges of COVID-19, recommends that students are seen by their health care provider for their well child checkup and required immunizations. Please contact your health care provider for clinic procedure during COVID-19. Immunization requirements have **not** been waived due to COVID-19 and **are required** by the first day of school.



If you conscientiously object to your child receiving immunizations, notarized documentation must be provided to school. See the attached Immunization form for this purpose. See <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imzform.pdf>

Medication authorization forms must be submitted annually including asthma action plans, diabetes orders and anaphylaxis plans. Consider making clinic appointments soon to get your school forms completed by your health care provider. Parent signature is also required. See attached form.

Children with significant health issues potentially requiring individual health plans will be contacted by the Licensed School Nurse closer to the start of school to discuss these plans.

We will keep you up to date on COVID-19 and school start up plans as we get them from the Minnesota Department of Health and Education.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

Aspen Academy Health Office
Maureen Stevenson, Health Aide

Gail Setterstrom, Licensed School Nurse

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Fax: 952-226-5949

Forms:

[Medication Authorization Form](#)

[Student Health Form](#)

[Immunization Form](#)



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