

July 25, 2017

Dear Young Parents,

Hello from school, where we are busily preparing for the start of the new school year! I hope that your summer is going well and that your family is having a restful and enjoyable summer.

We are excited and can't wait to see our students and families back at Young in August. **The first day of the 2017-18 school year is Thursday, August 24 for 1st through 5th grade students.** The school hours on August 24 are from 9:05 am -3:35 pm. **Kindergarten families will participate in a one hour orientation program on Thursday, August 24 from 10:00 am -11:00 am or 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm.**

Please make note of the Young School website for your reference. <http://young.ipisd.org/> The Young School website is updated on a regular basis with notes and information about school events and activities.

Please find below a few back to school notes to help your family prepare for the beginning of the school year at Young.

Sincerely,

Ms. Morgan

Principal, Young School

Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours will continue through Friday, August 4. (Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm. The office is closed each day from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.)

Beginning the week of August 7, regular office hours will return. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:45 am – 4:15 pm.

Eschool Home Access Center <https://hacipe.sungardk12saas.com/HomeAccess>

Parents, please make sure that you have your username and password for Home Access readily available. If you do not remember your username and password, you can reset your password. Users can reset their password on the eschool login page. Click the "Forgot My Username or Password" link. You will receive an email at the email address on file. **Home Access is an important resource for parents. Classroom teacher assignments, student report cards, attendance information, standardized test scores, and cbm test scores are all posted in the Home Access center throughout the school year.**

Teacher Assignments

Classroom teacher assignments will be available through the home access website on **Wednesday, August 16 after 4:00 pm** in the eschool home access center. Parents will need to log into the home access center to find out teacher assignments for each child.

<https://hacipe.sungardk12saas.com/HomeAccess>

New Families to District 204

Families who are new to IPSD 204 need to go into the eschool home access website to claim and set up their home access account to connect with their student's information. Directions for setting up a new account can be found at the following link.

<http://ipsdweb.ipd.org/Uploads/eschool/Good/HAC%20Claim%20Account.pdf>

Push Coin <https://www.pushcoin.com/>

The district has a new online payment system, Push Coin, for paying for student fees and hot lunch. The District encourages all families to register at *no charge* at [pushcoin.com](https://www.pushcoin.com) where you can sign up for *automatic alerts* and *view your student's lunch account*. For a small processing fee, payments can also be made directly on their account.

District 204 School Calendar Dates for 2017-18 can be accessed on the district website. <http://www.ipd.org/calendar/SchoolCalendar1718.pdf>

School Supply Lists

School supply lists for kindergarten through fifth grade students can be found at the following link.

<http://young.ipd.org/News.aspx?id=92486>

Bus Routes

If you live more than 1.5 miles away from the school, your child is eligible for bus transportation. Parents will be able to visit the district's website and type in their home address to

access bus route information in mid-August. Please note that bus routes and stops do change from year. Please make sure to check the updated bus routes in mid August. <https://hacipe.sungardk12saas.com/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fHomeAccess>

Young School August Calendar Dates

- **Tuesday, August 8: New Family Self-Guided Tour from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

On this night families new to Young can use this opportunity to locate grade level classrooms, view the lmc, computer lab, lunchroom, specials' rooms, as well as to see entry and exit doors for your child's arrival and dismissal plan. Ms. Morgan and the Young office staff will be available to answer any general questions that they may have about school. *Please note that teachers will not be present on this night.*

- **Wednesday, August 16: District Kindergarten Preview Day**

- You are invited to the District 204 Annual Kindergarten Preview Day from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and again from 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm at Still Middle School at 787 Meadowridge Drive, Aurora, Il. Additional information about this event can be found at the following link. http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/newsfiles/news_91314_1.pdf
 - At District Kindergarten Preview Day, the following information will be shared.
 - **WALKING TO SCHOOL:** Safe Walk Routes and Safety Rules
 - **STUDENT IDs:** ID Pictures taken and ID badges given for the first day on the bus (walkers will receive their ID at school on the first day)
 - **FIRST STUDENT:** learn how to ride a bus safely from Buster the robotic bus, information on MOCK day (riding the bus with your kindergartner), clowns, and balloons
 - **ONLINE BUSING INFORMATION:** how to find your bus route online
 - **PUSH COIN:** how to set up an account and make payments online for lunch and registration fees
 - **ORGANIC LIFE FOOD SERVICE:** walk through the lunch line and sample some food from our NEW food service provider, learn how to use your school ID for lunch
 - **YMCA – Safe and Sound Program:** learn about the before and after school programs offered
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- **Monday, August 21: Teacher Meet and Greet from 10:00 am – 11:00 am**

During the Meet and Greet, students and their parents will have the opportunity to meet the teacher, visit the classroom, and drop off school supplies.

- **Monday, August 21: PTA Back to School Social from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

On 8/21, the PTA will host a Back to School Ice Cream Social with Young families and the PTA on the playground from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

- **Tuesday, August 22: School Supply Drop-off Night from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Families who are unable to attend the Teacher Meet and Greet on August 21 have a chance to come to the school on Tuesday, August 22 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

During School Supply Drop-off Night, parents and children can visit the classroom and drop off student's school supplies before the first day of school. Ms. Morgan and the office staff will be present and available for questions. *Please note that, classroom teachers will not be available on this night.*

- **Thursday, August 24: First day of School for 1st-5th grade students (9:05 am – 3:35 pm)**

- **Thursday, August 24: Kindergarten Orientation (10:00 am – 11:00 am or 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)**

There will be a shortened one-hour orientation designed for kindergarten students on their first day of school on August 24. Kindergarten students and their parents will attend the Kindergarten Orientation in their assigned teacher's classroom. During Kindergarten Orientation, Kindergarten students and their families will learn about the Kindergarten day and take a tour of the building.

- **Friday, August 25: Kindergarten Students' First Day of School (9:05 am -3:35 pm)**

The first full day of kindergarten will occur on Friday, August 25 from 9:05 am -3:35 pm. On kindergarten students' first full day of school, **Kindergarten students will enter the building independently.** Building doors open at 8:50 am. Multiple staff members will be available throughout the building to help kindergarten students walk to their classroom.