

September 5

First Day of School for Scholars

September 29

Noon Dismissal for Scholars

New Faces

You may notice some new faces around our school – we'd like to take a moment to introduce these individuals!

First Grade

Ms. Davis and Ms. Gleton are new to Voyageur, joining us as first grade teachers. Ms. Foster is moving from teaching second grade last year to first.

Second Grade

Our second grade team welcomed Ms. Schleinitz as a new teacher on their team.

Third Grade

Ms. Stevenson joins us as the new teacher for our third grade scholars. Joining our third grade teachers from fifth grade is Ms. Wiggins.

Fourth Grade

Ms. Jackson Davis has joined our staff as a new fourth grade teacher.

Quinto grado

Nuestros estudiantes del quinto grado darán la bienvenida a la Sra. Burke como un nuevo maestro. La Sra. Zeidan pasó del tercer grado a la enseñanza de quinto grado este año.

Our school also welcomes Ms. Marcum as the K-12 ELL Coordinator.

Week of September 5th Letter

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Dear Voyageur Academy Families,

It is my pleasure to officially welcome all of you to the 2017/2018 school year! All of us at Voyageur are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with enthusiasm for learning and the tools to do so. We have been very busy this summer preparing for the arrival of our scholars, with many exciting changes occurring in order to create the best school environment for them.

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to those who I have not met personally, yet. My name is Kimberley Pressley and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Voyageur Academy community as the K-5 School Principal. A native Detroiter, I obtained my Bachelors of Education from Wayne State University and furthered my educational career through my Masters of Education at Walden University and my Educational Leadership and Administration Endorsement through Grand Valley State University. I have worked in education in the city of Detroit for over a decade and am excited for this new chapter.

Please take a moment to read through our newsletter, filled with information on upcoming events, changes within our school, and resources for your scholar and your family to have a successful school year. The wonderful Voyageur Academy staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family; we thank you for your support and look forward to developing strong connections through team and family throughout the year.

Let's make it a great year together,

Kimberley Pressley – School Principal

We're Going Back To School



Arrival and Dismissal

Our dismissal procedures have changed in order to improve timeliness and safety for our scholars. Please review them below:

Arrival

(Starting the week of the 11th K-2 will all be located in the K-2 gym at 7:15)

- The school doors open at 7:15. Scholars who arrive prior to 7:15 must wait outside of the school for the school to open. For their safety, please do not drop your scholars off early.
- At 7:15, Kindergartners will wait in the hallways of the kindergarten building until 8:00, then teachers will bring the scholars to the classroom for breakfast.
- At 7:15, Grades 1-2 will wait in the hallways of the portables until 8:00, then teachers will bring the scholars to the classroom for breakfast.
- At 7:15, Grades 3-5 will wait in the high school gym of the large building until 8:00, then teachers will bring the scholars to the classroom for breakfast.
- **Please make sure that scholars arrive to school on time every day in order to protect their learning time.**

Dismissal

- **Dismissal begins at 3:45. Our scholars are learning until the very last minute of the day, so please refrain from picking your scholar up early.**
- All bus riders will be escorted to the bus stops by Voyageur Staff Members.
- Scholars in Grades K-2 must be picked up from their classrooms by an approved adult or family member. Your scholar's teacher will partner with you to know the names of the individuals who will pick up your scholar.
- Grades 3-5 will exit through the door at the back of the elementary hallway (Buchanan Street). They will wait to be picked up alongside the school on Buchanan Street.

EARLY PICKUP!

Parents/Guardians,

Please do not pick up scholars before 2:30. If they have a doctor's appt. or emergency please call the teacher or front office so we can have your scholar ready for you. Any students being picked up early will affect their afternoon grade and attendance. Which could also affect them going to the next grade level.