



The Almanac

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 2 Fuddruckers Night
- Sept. 3 Parent Night
5:30-7:30 pm
- Sept. 7 Labor Day
Holiday
No School
- Sept. 8 PTO Gift Wrap Sale Begins
- Sept. 21 Prince's Night
- Sept. 22 PTO Meeting
Library 8:00 am
- Sept. 28 No School
Fall Holiday
- Sept. 30 Gift Wrap Sale Ends
- Nov. 4 Report Card Day
Fuddruckers Night
- Nov. 16 Prince's Night
- Nov. 17 PTO Meeting
8:00 am
- Nov. 25-28 Thanksgiving Holiday



Welcome Back to School!

We are delighted to welcome all new and returning Askew All-Stars for the 2009-2010 school year!

This year Askew has a new schedule!

7:50 am – 3:20 pm Monday-Thursday
7:50 am – 1:20 pm every Friday

The school will open daily at 7:00 am. HISD free breakfast will be served from 7:00-7:45 each day. Breakfast will stop being served and students will be dismissed to class at 7:45 am. The tardy bell rings at 7:50 am.

Monday-Thursday, students will be dismissed at 3:20 pm. We will have **early dismissal every Friday at 1:20 pm.**

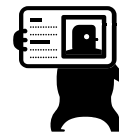
Each Tuesday, important information and reminders will be published in *The Almanac*, our school newsletter (available online at www.askew.org). We look forward to working with you and your child towards a successful school year.

Attendance will be taken daily at 9:30 am. Any student who is not in class at that time will be marked absent. If your child is ill or has a doctor's appointment, please send a note to your child's teacher the next day to have the absence excused.



SCHOOL HOURS AND ATTENDANCE

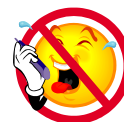
School starts at 7:50 am and ends at 3:20 pm Monday thru Thursday. We will have **early dismissal EVERY FRIDAY at 1:20 pm.** Children may be dropped off after 7:00 am and should be picked up promptly at 3:20 M-Th, 1:20 Fri. If you have difficulty picking your child up on time, there are several area child care facilities who provide after school care.



PARENT VISITS

Parents, we need your help to make sure our campus is safe. All visitors and volunteers **must** sign in at the front office. Bring your photo ID and our new Raptor System will print a visitor's badge for you to wear at all times on campus.

CELL PHONE POLICY



All visitors, students, and staff are asked to keep your cell phones on silent on campus.

During the school day, students are not allowed to use cell phones and visitors are asked not to use cell phones in the classroom or in the presence of students.

STUDENT RELEASE

If you need to pick up your child early, you must first come in to the front office and sign your child out. Once the child is signed out, **then** we will call into the teacher's room to have him or her released. Students will **NOT** be released between 2:50 pm and 3:20 pm.

ASKEW UNIFORM



Askew Elementary is looking forward to our students showing their

pride through school uniforms. The Askew uniform **is required** and noncompliance to the dress code may lead to disciplinary action.

Tops must be solid red, white, or navy blue collared shirts or t-shirts with no logos larger than 1 inch. Shirts with the Askew logo, Askew spirit shirts, and Askew club shirts are also allowed. **Bottoms** must be red, white, navy, khaki, or Askew plaid shorts, pants, jumpers, skirts, dresses or skorts. Shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses. Jeans may be worn, but must NOT have rips, holes, writing, or heavy embroidery. All bottoms must be worn **at the**

waist level and cannot be any shorter than 2 in. above the knee. Athletic (tennis) style shoes are recommended. Flip flops, backless shoes, and Heelys are not allowed.



NO ROLLING BACKPACKS

Backpacks with wheels cannot be rolled on campus. In the past, we have had students injured when they trip or stumble over the wheels. Students have also run the wheels over the toes of other students or teachers. We hope that eliminating the rolling of backpacks will make Askew safer for everyone.

Afternoon Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from class each afternoon in groups according to how they get home.



Teachers will walk students to their designated dismissal areas. For example, if your child is picked up at the front circle drive, a teacher will walk your child to that area. If your child walks home, they will be escorted to the following areas:

- ◆ Students who walk home through the front circle drive will meet at the entrance of the front playground.
- ◆ Students who walk home along Hayes Rd, will meet outside of the back atrium gates.



Siblings will meet at their designated areas to go home together. Signs will be placed at the meeting areas. If a parent is on campus to pick up their child, they must meet their child at one of these two locations. Students will no longer be allowed to be picked up from classrooms or from the courtyards.

Please take some time to discuss after school pick up with your child. It's important children know how they get home each afternoon. Remember, we have your child's best interest in mind. We look forward to your cooperation as we work towards a safer and smoother afternoon dismissal.



A Note From Our School Nurse

Parents, while we appreciate you sending snacks for your child's class, please do not send any food containing peanut butter. We have several children who are allergic to peanut butter and cannot have these foods.

Please do not send medicine of any kind to school with your child. This could be a potentially dangerous situation. This is also a violation of student code of conduct and punishable by suspension. If your child needs to take medicine at school, it must go through the nurse's office with the proper form filled out by your doctor. You can get a copy of the form from the nurse.

Thank you,

Sharon Beasley, RN

