

Hydetown Happenings

News from the Nest



September
2026



Welcome Back!

We were so happy to welcome learners back to school on September 1! It was obvious by all the smiles, the kids were excited to get back in the building to start the year! If you have not already, please follow our school Facebook page, "Hydetown Elementary School" to get regular reminders and pictures of things happening throughout the year!

Trip Requests

If you are planning to take a trip, please stop by the office to fill out a trip request form. Trip requests can only be approved for up to 5 days. Requests cannot be approved if a learner has more than 10 absent days. Please call the school office at 827-2715 x4400 if you have any questions.

Parent Pick Up Reminders

- Students will not be dismissed until after 2:45 and need to be picked up by 3:00.
- If you are in line on Gresham Road, please pull over to the side to allow for the regular flow of traffic.
- Make sure you have enough room to pull into the driveway and that you are not blocking traffic with the back end of your vehicle.
- Learners will be sent out to cars that are stopped between the white signs while the rest of the cars wait in line to move forward.
- If your child is not in the cafeteria ready to leave, we will ask you to pull back around in line or park in the visitor parking lot and walk to the cafeteria door to get your child.
- PLEASE DO NOT PASS ANYONE. Wait for the car in front of you to move before you do. There have been several close calls when cars pass each other.
- PLEASE DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR. Have the passenger side of the vehicle available for your child so that no one is in the line of traffic while loading.
- PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE STAFF PARKING LOT AFTER PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. We sometimes have staff members returning to the building or going to their cars during this time. There is a "Do Not Enter" sign posted.

Please share this information with anyone who may pick up your child and remember that anyone picking up your child must be on the emergency contact list.



Upcoming Events

- **September 7** – No School (Labor Day)
- **September 21-25** – Homecoming Week – see reverse side for more details
- **September 24** – Open House & PTG Meeting
- **September 28** – Picture Day
- **October 2** – No School
- **October 12** – 5th Grade Band Concert

Open House

On Thursday, September 24 from 6:00-7:30 we will host an open house for all families. The night will start with a PTG meeting in which we will elect officers for the school year and discuss future meeting dates. After the meeting, parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and meet their teachers. Those who attend will get some information on their child's current reading progress and intervention updates. We are so excited for you to see where your child spends their school day! Hope you can attend!

Parent Drop Off Reminders

A reminder that morning student drop-off is between 7:30-8:00 am. If a learner arrives after 8:15, a parent/guardian must escort the child into the building. Please make sure to drop off your child at the sidewalk and not in the grass. Vehicles can pull up to the front of the cafeteria to allow room for other cars. We ask that kids get out of the passenger side of the vehicle for safety reasons. Do not have kids exit the car from the driver's side. Please stay in the car. If you need to get out of the car, please pull into the parking lot and escort your child to the front doors. Thanks for your cooperation!

Dress Code

While the weather is warm, it's important to remember to make sure your children are wearing proper footwear and following the dress code. Flip flops are not allowed and learners should wear shoes that have a back. Additionally, spaghetti strap tops and short shorts are not permitted. Please refer to our website for additional information on our dress code. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with our policy!

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Birthday Treats

Birthday treats may be brought into school to celebrate your child's birthday. Please share with the facilitator that you intend to do so prior to your child's birthday. We request that you follow the district's Wellness Policy when selecting a treat. All treats sent to school must be store bought, prepackaged, and unopened. We request that the first ingredient not be sugar. We also discourage treat bags due to the choking hazard it could and has presented on the bus. Thank you for your cooperation!

Back to School Update

Please don't forget to complete your Back to School Update. This information must be updated every year and can be done online. The process will allow you to update your contact information such as your address, phone number and email. You will also be able to add people to your child's emergency contact list, sign off on our handbooks, permit the nursing staff to give Tylenol, Tums or cough drops to your child, and give photo approval. We will not be able to post pictures to Facebook until the permission is given. Remember, only names listed on the emergency contact list are allowed to pick up your child from school. To update your information, go to our website at www.gorockets.org, select the parent tab, click "Enrollment" and then select "back to school update" on the main page. If you do not remember how to log in, please call the school at 827-2715 x4400 and we can help you. Thank you!

What is S.O.A.R. ?

S.O.A.R. are the letters we use to model our school wide rules for all of our Hydetown Eagles. Each letter represents an expectation.

- S = Stay safe
- O = Own your behavior
- A = Achieve
- R = Respect

Homecoming 2026

Homecoming Spirit Week will be September 21-25. Our Spirit Week details are below. Please make sure that outfits are school appropriate and allow for the learners to use the bathroom and participate in normal school activities.

- **September 21** – Time Travel Day
 - Dress in a decade
- **September 22** – Let's Get Tropical
 - Wear Hawaiian shirts
- **September 23** – Peace, Love, & Kindness
 - Dress in tie-dye
- **September 24** – Pattern Galore
 - Dress in different patterns
- **September 25** – Brown & Gold Day
 - Wear brown and gold

District Assessment

In September, learners complete the Acadience district assessment. This assessment is given 3 times a year to all learners and measures reading and literacy skills. The results are used to help facilitators address the needs of learners while working to provide personalized learning for all our students.

Home Football Game Reminders

Here are some rules and reminders for attending our home football games at Carter Field this year...

- *No Bikes / Scooters / Skateboards
- *No Balls of any kind
- *No Bags
- *No Re-Entry after halftime
- *No Outside Food or Drinks allowed
- *No running around during the game (Stay in your seat)
- *Don't go over to the visitor side (Stay in Student Section or Home Bleachers)
- *Stay off the Practice Field and Hill by upper gate

