



Welcome Leonetti Lions!

Hello Lions!

It is hard to believe that the month of August is here. Soon, we will open the doors of Donald Leonetti Elementary, “**The Greatest Place to Be a Kid!**” I am so excited to welcome our families to the Lion’s Den for our 23/24 school year. Our staff has been busy planning and preparing for an amazing year and they are **Roaring** to meet their new students. We have the best staff at Leonetti Elementary! I want to thank you in advance for your support and patience as we work to put our procedures in place for the new year. I am so excited for the 2023-2024 school year to begin!

Class Assignment Letters: Class assignment letters will be emailed to parents directly from their classroom teacher at 4:30 on August 4, 2023. Please be on the lookout for this important information. If you do not receive the email, please contact our registrar, Nayelli Duran at 281-327-3198. Please note that all class assignments are subject to change as our enrollment changes throughout the year.

Meet the Teacher: We will hold a face to face meet the teacher for all grade levels on August 7th. Families with last names A-M will attend from 4:00-4:30 and last names N-Z will attend from 4:45-5:15. This is a brief, informal visit for you to get acquainted with your child’s teacher, drop off school supplies, and confirm dismissal information. If you pre-ordered school supplies, they will be delivered directly to your child’s homeroom teacher. Teachers will not hold conferences or present information at this time.

First Day of School!!! I know that most of you want to come in with your children the first day. We love the support, and we encourage you to walk your child to their classroom the first day. However, we ask that after the first day of school, you give your child a hug and kiss at the front door and let them walk to their class on their own. Another great option is to use our carpool lane to drop off your child. We find this sets the routine sooner for our students and maintains a secure and safe environment. We also have staff available to make sure that every student gets to their classroom quickly and safely. I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you to watch for No Parking Zones around our school. We appreciate your assistance with our traffic flow and student safety.



**We are the Leonetti Lions.
We are kind and we are smart.
We are the Leonetti Lions.
The strength of our pride is our HEART!**



Attendance and Tardies: The first and most basic factor necessary for student success is good attendance. School hours are from 8:10-3:25. School doors open at 7:30 and teachers are on duty at that time to supervise students. School doors will not be open and teachers will not be on duty to supervise students prior to 7:30. Students are released to their classrooms at 7:50 and announcements begin at 8:10. Students should be seated in their classrooms and ready to learn at 8:10. If a student arrives after 8:10, he/she will receive a tardy slip. When a student is absent, the student must bring a note within 5 days of returning.

Breakfast/Lunch: Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child beginning August 28th. This will allow us the first two weeks of school to put our cafeteria procedures in place. We have a 5-day rotation for lunch visitors. If you plan on visiting for lunch, please come on your assigned alpha-split day. We will make accommodations for special occasions.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Last Names A-C	Last Names D-H	Last Names I-M	Last Names N-R	Last Names S-Z

If you are visiting for lunch, please stop by the front office and provide your identification to receive a visitor's tag. **Breakfast and lunch are no longer free. Breakfast costs \$2.00. Lunch costs \$2.75.**

	Outclass	Recess	Lunch
Kindergarten	11:35-12:20	1:25-1:55	10:05-10:35
1st Grade	12:50-1:35	10:10-10:40	10:40-11:10
2nd Grade	1:40-2:25	10:45-11:15	11:15-11:45
3rd Grade	10:45-11:30	11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30
4th Grade	9:00-9:45	12:05-12:35	12:35-1:05
5th Grade	9:50-10:35	12:40-1:10	1:10-1:40

Guidelines for Success: Our Guidelines for Success is our set of expectations to reinforce Lion Pride. Staff will use these guidelines to reinforce and reward behavior. Students can earn Cub Cash for a drawing to win prizes. Our "Cub Cash Callout" drawings will be held on Fridays through the Lion Pride Broadcast show. Our first drawing will be held on September 8th.



Donald Leonetti Elementary is a great place to.....
Learn with Pride, Lead with Confidence, Inspire to Impact Lives!

Hear Our Roar!

Christina Simpson, Assistant Principal

Joy Schwinger, Principal

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Parents, I know you want the best and safest school for your children, so we greatly appreciate your help, support and patience as we put our arrival and dismissal procedures in place. Christina Simpson, Assistant Principal, and I will observe all arrival/dismissal procedures and make adjustments as needed. In order to ensure our students' safety, we will follow the arrival and dismissal procedures below. If we find a more efficient and safe procedure, we will communicate any changes to you.

Arrival: In the morning, **please use the car rider line to drop off your child.** The car rider line begins at the left entrance to the school and wraps around the back of the building. Please pull up all the way on the cafeteria/gym side of the school and have your child open their car door and walk towards the cafeteria doors. Staff will be outside to greet students and make sure they get to their classroom. Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot and walk across unescorted. If parents must walk their child to the door, they must park their car **in the front parking lot** and walk their child across using the crosswalk. **Parents should not park in the side staff parking lot and cross at the car rider line. Parent and students will not be allowed to cross at the car rider line.** We want to make the campus a safe place for our students, parents, and staff. Our arrival procedures set the tone, and I truly appreciate your support. **We highly recommend car riders be dropped off between 7:30-8:00 a.m. so that they are ready to learn in their classrooms at 8:10.**

Dismissal: Your child must be a car rider, a bus/daycare rider, Extended Day or a walker/biker. Every family will receive a dismissal number their child will use. We will not utilize Pik My Kid this year.

Bus Riders: Please check the district bus route locator on the district website to ensure your child is eligible for bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. As buses arrive, students will be called by their route number to board their bus. Staff will take attendance as students board their bus. Drop off times may vary for the first two weeks of school until bus routes are firmly established.

Car riders: Car riders must be picked up in the car rider line. The car rider line begins at the left entrance of the school. Two lanes may be formed as cars wrap around the back of the school. Cars will stop at the stop sign at the back of the school and wait for staff to direct them thirteen cars at a time. **Please stay in your lane. Switching lanes will cause your child to be in the wrong pick up spot and delay movement of the car rider line.** Parents will be given a dismissal number they should display for staff to see. (Please work with your child to remember their dismissal number. The sooner students remember their number, the faster the car line will move.) Once directed by staff, cars will pull up to the gym (right side) of the building to pick up their child. Parents may not pick up their children by walking up to the car rider line. If you wish to walk up and pick up your child, please meet them with the walkers. *Parents, please be patient during car rider dismissal the first few weeks of school as it typically takes a long time. As we set routines and students learn their numbers, car rider dismissal will begin moving faster.*

Day Care: All daycare students will be dismissed to their daycare bus once it arrives. Daycare buses will dismiss out of the front door entrance. Staff will take attendance as students board their daycare bus.

Extended Day: All Extended Day students will be walked directly to the Extended Day room by DLE staff.

Walkers/Bike Riders: All walkers will be escorted by DLE staff out of the left side door by the kindergarten wing. Staff will walk students based on one of the following ways. Students in grades 3-5 will be released to walk/bike home. Students in grades Kinder-2nd must be met by a parent or be released with a sibling in 3rd-5th grade.

1. Independent Walkers/Bikers: Staff will walk students walking/biking independently home (Kinder-2nd students must be accompanied by a sibling in 3rd-5th grade) across all driveways to the cross walk in front of Thornton Middle School or at Sienna Parkway. Crossing guards will cross students across Waters Lake Blvd or Sienna Parkway. Students should proceed directly home once crossed.
2. Rendezvous Walkers/Bikers: Staff will walk Kinder-5th grade students meeting a parent/guardian to walk/bike home across all driveways to the Rendezvous locations located at the grassy area between DLE and the daycare next door, or across from Thornton.
3. The walker rendezvous point for Sienna Walkers/Bikers. Staff will walk Kinder-5th grade students meeting a parent/guardian to walk/bike home across all driveways to the walker rendezvous point located at the greasy area to the left of the car rider line. There will be a sign marking the rendezvous spot. Students will only be released by staff once they are at the walker rendezvous point. No students will be released to a parent in a parked car at any time. Families must cross the street at designated cross walks with a FBISD crossing guard.
4. The walker rendezvous point for Thornton Walkers/Bikers. Staff will walk Kinder-5th grade students meeting a parent/guardian to walk/bike home across all driveways to the walker rendezvous point located at Thornton Middle School. Parents should not walk up to the school to meet their child. Instead, they may walk up and meet their child at the designated point. No students will be released to a parent in a parked car at any time. Families must cross the street at designated cross walks with a FBISD crossing guard. Please **do not park in No Parking Zones in the Legacy Oaks neighborhood.** Police have communicated they will ticket cars parking in No Parking Zones.

Early Pick Ups: If you are picking up your child early from school, please plan on doing so before 2:45. Students will not be released from their classrooms after 3:00 since the students are already beginning their dismissal procedures.

If your child's regular dismissal plan should change, you must contact your teacher by 12:00. If you do not receive confirmation that your child's teacher received the change, please call the front office with the information so that we can relay it to the teacher. In the case of an emergency, you may contact the front office at (281) 327.3190 to request a change of dismissal.