

If your child is going to be absent, or late for any reason, please let us know by calling the school, emailing **absences@gcaschool.com** or use the GCA app to inform the front desk **in addition** to emailing your child's teacher.

The first Elementary bell is at 8:17 am. School begins at 8:25 am (second bell). Morning recess bell is at 10:02 am with recess ending at 10:20 am. The Elementary lunch time with recess is from 11:40 am to 12:30 pm (Gr 1-5) and 12:05 pm to 1:05 pm for Kindergarten.



If your child has a cell phone, please remind them that the cell phone must remain in their backpack/locker for the duration of the school day.

Doors open for students at 8:17 am. Supervision outside starts at 8:05 am. Please do not drop off your child until 8:05 am. Students must be picked up after school by 3:35 pm at the latest with the exception of the students enrolled in the ABC program. For After/Before Care information, please visit gcaschool.com.



Each grade has their own specific entrance to the building. To view where your child's entrance is, please visit www.gcaschoolevents.com/elementary-grade-entrances

When it comes to food for the day, our cafeteria option is available with pre-ordered meals for K-Gr. 2 through the MyKidsSpending program. Gr. 3-5 use the line up in the cafeteria at lunch. If your child is bringing their own lunch, we encourage any warm meals to be in a thermos. If your child is bringing food from home that requires cutlery, please remember to include it in their bag.





Students in Gr. 1-3 wear gym clothing underneath their uniforms. Purchasing a gym strip is optional, and orders can be placed at the front office. Students in Gr. 4 & 5 have an official gym strip. Orders for gym strip happen in gym class during the first week back.

The "Elementary Parent/Student Handbook" is available on our Parent Portal site. It covers a whole range of topics. Please take some time to read the handbook.



If your child is exhibiting any symptoms of illness (i.e. fever, pink eye, vomiting, etc.), please keep them at home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours (without medication). We appreciate your help in keeping our school safe.

Half-day Junior Kindergarten pick up is at 11:40 am. Please ensure that you enter through the **main Elementary entrance** for pick-up, and NOT the Kindergarten doors on the south side.



If you are using the 'Kiss and Go' lane (L1) in the morning for drop off, please make sure to move your car all the way forward. As well, please do not leave your vehicle to escort your child to their entrance.

If your child has a locker, please encourage them to ensure that it is clean and free of any old food, or unused items. As well, please ensure you label all of your child's items, so they can be returned if lost. **Lost and Found** is regularly on display. Please encourage your child to check it regularly.





“Meet the Teacher” sessions begin in the GCA Theatre, and move to the classrooms afterwards. The dates are as follows:

Tues Sept 5

K to Gr. 2 at 6:00 pm

Thurs Sept 7

Gr. 3-5 at 6:00 pm

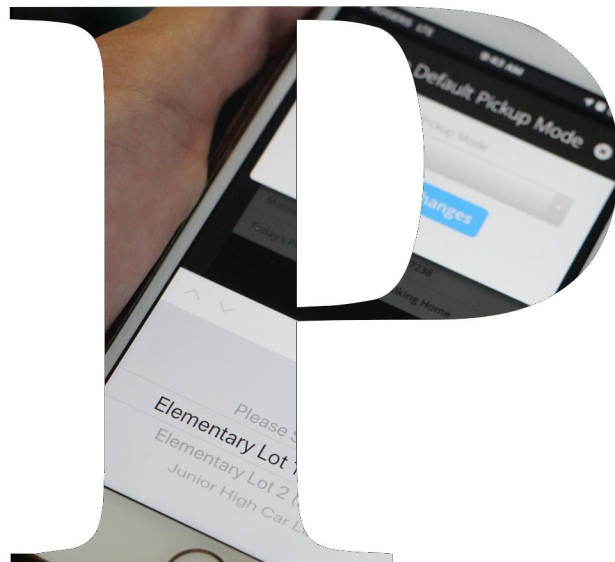
GCA is a ‘nut-aware’ environment. Please do not send any nut products, or products that may contain traces of nuts to school with your child.



GCA's Official Uniform is required for the first day (Monday) of every school week (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday). Uniform clothing must be purchased through Top Marks only. You can view our Official Uniform requirements here:

[www.gcaschoolevents.com/
uniform-requirements](http://www.gcaschoolevents.com/uniform-requirements)

We will be using the PikMyKid app for dismissal again in Elementary this year. Please visit www.gcaschoolevents.com/pikmykid for instructions on how to use the app.



If you have questions for our office staff, we ask that you come by at our 'non-peak' times. Peak times include 8:15-8:35 am, and 3:15-3:30 pm. You can also call the Elementary school office at 403-254-9050.

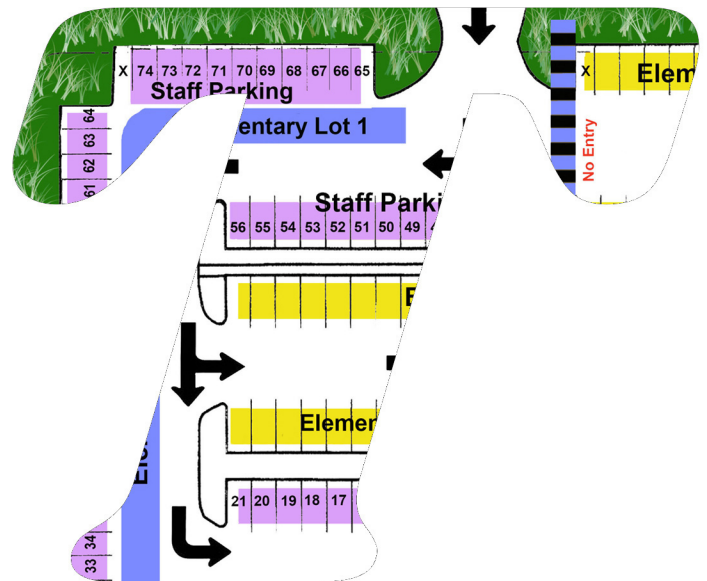
Our REIL Origins intramurals program for Gr. 4 & 5 students occurs on designated mornings from 7:45-8:15 am. Please note: any students who are in Gr. 3 and under are welcome to watch but must be supervised by their parent. Students who are watching need to stay in the gym, and not loiter in the hallway. Thank you for your cooperation.





Our **Schoology** program is a way for you to have access to materials from your child's homeroom teacher. Field trip permission forms are completed on our PowerSchool platform. There is a separate log-in for each of these. Access to both can be found on our Parent Portal.

In order to keep our traffic flow manageable in the mornings, we appreciate your cooperation by following the guidelines found here: www.gcaschoolevents.com/parking-lot-traffic-flow



We have many casual uniform items to choose from. Our uniform provider is Top Marks. There are customer service days for uniforms held throughout the school year. Please note: the khaki shorts are not allowed during the following time frame: after Thanksgiving until after Spring Break.



We are grateful to all of our parent **volunteers!** All volunteers must have a current police check on file. For information on volunteering, please visit www.gcaschoolevents.com/volunteer-information.

The **Weekly Communicator** is our weekly digital newsletter that provides a whole variety of information, including important upcoming dates and school activities. It is emailed at the end of the day on Fridays. If you are not receiving this email, please contact communications@gcaschool.com.



For the safety of our students, and our community as a whole, we please ask you to only use the **designated crosswalks** when navigating through the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Younger siblings of Jr. High GCA Royals' athletes must be picked up at 3:20 pm. There is no supervision for younger students while older siblings are at their various practices or games.



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School is almost here! If your child has had a different sleep schedule this summer, we hope that they will get lots of sleep before, and during the school year. Sweet dreams!

Looking forward to a fantastic year, and seeing you all on Tuesday, September 5 for a half-day. Early dismissal is at 11:40 am.

Mr. Gonsalvez, Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Hazelton

