Parent Letter

Robert Frost Elementary School

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August 26, 2025

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year! A message from our Principal Dr. Connelly...

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals and working together."



Dear parents and guardians, welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I hope that you and your families are enjoying the summer and staying safe. This is a year of bold new beginnings—a time to embrace every opportunity that awaits the students, families, and staff of Robert Frost Elementary School. Together, we will unlock potential, ignite passion, and shape a future full of promise.

As I begin my second school year as the principal of Robert Frost ES, I am committed to making a positive difference in the lives of our children. We will continue to operate under our mission of ensuring students develop their creativity and critical thinking skills to become global digital citizens. We will empower our learners to R.O.A.R.—to be **Responsible** in seeking alternate solutions, **Orderly** in articulating their thoughts, Attentive to precision in problem-solving, and Respectful to the learning environment. Our team will continue to inspire, prepare and empower students using instructional practices and constant data review to ensure teachers are maximizing instruction. At Robert Frost Elementary the expectation is that students master the content taught at every grade level to ensure they are College and Career Ready.

Parents, we encourage you to join us throughout the school year in celebrating the many scholastic, academic and personal successes of our students. It is my hope that each of you had a wonderful and rewarding summer with great plans for the upcoming year. We can't wait to meet our new students and greet all of our returning students on August 26, 2024! We will host a Student Orientation on Monday, August 25 to allow families to visit the building and meet their student's teacher. If you log into Synergy the week of August 18th you will be able to view teacher assignments to ensure a smooth transition back to school:

SCHOOL HOURS: School begins promptly at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 1:40 p.m. Students can begin entering the building at 7:10 a.m. Please do not send your children earlier because they will not be supervised. Students are marked "tardy" if they arrive after 7:35 and are marked as an "early dismissal" if they leave before 1:10. Please make every effort to have your son/daughter in school during the designated hours so that he/she can receive the full benefit of the instructional program at Robert Frost ES. It is important to be present and on time every day. There will be a relentless focus on student attendance this school year. As a school our goal is a 94% attendance rate.

BUS SCHEDULES: Have a Bus Rider? Download StopFinder



All students from Robert Frost will be assigned a bus to transport them to and from school. We strongly encourage parents to have their students ride the bus due to limited space for car riders at our temporary location. Parents will receive information from transportation regarding the bus stop, bus number and times for pick up/drop off. Usually the bus number is the same in the AM and PM. We ask that parents place their child's bus number somewhere in their book bag on an index card so that their teacher can have this information on the first day of school. Kindergarten students will receive a vest to wear to and from school when riding the school bus. The bus numbers will be written on the vest for safety reasons. If you visit during the open house on August 25th, please share transportation information with your student's teacher. Families can download the StopFinder mobile app for information on bus locations and schedules. Please note that you must have an email address on record in Synergy to use the app.

<u>PARENT HANDBOOK</u>: The parent handbook services as a quick guide for families to be familiar with the routine and procedures of Robert Frost ES. Please take a minute to review the parent handbook.

FORMS & FAMILY/EMERGENCY CARDS: Please complete all forms that will be sent home on the first day of school, especially Family/Emergency Cards and return them to your child's teacher the next day. You will find three Family/Emergency card/forms in the student folder. We need all three completed, legibly, front and back. One card is kept on file in the main office and the other is kept in the Health Room for medical emergencies. It is extremely important that we have accurate emergency information on file for every child. We are also asking for email addresses as a form of communication with our families. Sending newsletters and other mass correspondences in this manner will save us and ensure communication more efficiently. We will also continue to use Class Dojo.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: Meals will be <u>FREE</u> (No Cost) for all students regardless of meal benefit status for school year 25-26. Students will receive breakfast and lunch in school. Parents will still need to complete the lunch application online. Lunch application data is used to determine our qualification for Title I funds to support academic programming for students.

GRADE LEVEL ORIENTATION SCHEDULE MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

- *Kindergarten- Grade 2* 9:00-9:45 (at the school)
- *Grades 3-5* 10:00-10:45 (at the school) This is a time for our families to visit the location, meet their teacher, learn about our instructional programs and for our new students to become acquainted with their new school, teacher and classmates.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: We have scheduled **Back to School Night for September 11, 2025 @ 5:30pm.**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: A school supply list is posted on the school's website and there are also copies in the main office. Students should come to school prepared with necessary supplies on a daily basis.



UNIFORMS:

Robert Frost Elementary has been approved as a Mandatory Uniform School by the Prince George's County School Board. All students are required to wear uniforms. A description of the uniform is provided below.

Boys		Girls	
Slacks/Shorts	Navy Blue	Skirts/Shorts Jumpers/Pants	Navy
Tops	Light Blue or Button Down dress	Tops	Light Blue polo shirt or
(Polo Style)	shirt, Navy Blue Sweater	(Polo Style)	blouse with rounded
			collar, Navy Blue
			Sweater
Socks	Navy Blue	Socks/Tights	Navy Blue
Belt	Black or Navy Blue	Belt	Navy Blue
Shoe (Rubber Soled)	Solid Black	Shoe (Rubber Soled)	Solid Black

- Head dresses can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons only
- No identifiable gang/crew clothing or paraphernalia
- No see-through clothing
- Skirts, dresses and shorts should be approximately six (6) inches below the buttocks, or no shorter than fingertip level
- Pants should be secured at the waist; no sagging below the waist to expose undergarments
- Closed toe shoes must be worn

<u>IMMUNIZATIONS</u>: To help you prepare with ensuring that your child is properly immunized, Prince George's County Public Schools is offering immunization clinics for students. Remember No shots, no school!



Make an appointment for routine immunizations today by visiting PGCPS website and search for Back to School Immunization Schedule.! Kindergarteners in the state are required to get a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine..

SAFE AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT: In the interest of maintaining a safe and orderly environment, the following rules are enforced throughout the building as also outlined in the Code of Student Conduct..

- **1.** No gum
- 2. No fighting or "play fighting" (Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself)
- 3. No harassment, including name-calling, "putdowns", etc.
- 4. No yelling or loud noises
- 5. No cell phones or electronic devices in use while in school. They must be turned off and put away at all times.

FUNDRAISER: We will host a fall fundraiser shortly after school begins. It will be from the School Store. Fundraiser information will be sent home early September and will run the entire school year. Parents will sign up and the school will earn profits when you do your normal shopping. This fundraiser does not cost you anything extra. Our second fundraiser will be the Read-a-Thon. We are looking forward to your 100% cooperation and support in this important endeavor. As always, all profits will be used to benefit our students (ie. Purchase of additional technology if needed, instructional supplies, attendance incentive activities, Common Core, and School Wide PBIS program) just to name a few. Thank you for your commitment.

We are looking forward to this new school year and celebrating many successes for each of our students.

Dr. Tracie Connelly Principal

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August 25rd Orientation 9:00-9:45 (K-2) 10:00-10:45 (Grades 3-5)

August 26th First Day of School

September 1st Labor Day - Schools Closed September 11th Back to School Night 5:30 PM

September 12th Early Dismissal @ 11:00 AM (Teacher planning ½ day)

September 23rd Professional Development – School Closed October 2nd Yom Kippur - Schools Closed for Students

October 17th Professional Development School Closed for students

October 31st End of First Quarter

Click on the QUICK LINKS:

- 2025-2026 School Calendar
- Navigating the School Year (New to PGCPS)
- Synergy ParentVUE Account (School Max Replacement)
- Student Meals
- Learning Information and Nutrition Services

- Bus InfoFinder
- Registration/Enrollment
- PGCPS TV
- Student Device Usage
- Immunization Clinic Info English, Spanish, French

IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED!!

Sign Up for School Messenger! Stay connected with PGCPS by <u>signing up</u> for email alerts and text messages. Help setting up an account can be found <u>here</u>.

Connect with us on Class Dojo! * Follow us on our school Webpage: pgcps.orgschools/robert-frost-elementary