



RUFUS CAGE ELEMENTARY & PROJECT CHRYSALIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

July 5, 2023

Dear Parents and Students:

In preparation for the first day of school, please find attached the information you'll need to ensure you are ready to begin on August 28, 2023. There will be more information provided in the upcoming weeks via school newsletters and email. Please read this information carefully.

PARENT PORTAL

The district will continue using HISD Connect for the 2023-2024 school year. HISD Connect by PowerSchool will include student contact, enrollment, and demographic information, as well as grades and online resources starting August 28, 2023. "New to the district" parents will be given a unique code, or access ID, for each of their students and will be able to use those codes to set up an account to access their students' profiles through the new parent portal.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms will be enforced for the 2023-2024 school year. The price for the uniform shirt with the school logo remains \$12.00 per school shirt. We will be selling shirts daily beginning Wednesday, August 9, 2023, through Friday, August 11, 2023, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will also sell shirts Monday, August 14, 2023, through Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. We will be using School Pay to buy the uniform shirts. Parents will have to create a School Pay account to pay for the uniform shirts online. Please refer to the attached School Pay flyer with instructions on how to create an account. If you need assistance, our staff will help you create an account when you come by to purchase your shirts. Uniform bottoms will be navy blue for Cage ES and khaki uniform bottoms for Chrysalis MS. Blue jeans will be allowed as part of the school uniform as long as they are not torn or ripped. If a student is out of dress code, parents will be called to bring the student a uniform pant or a school appropriate pair of jeans. Spirit shirts for Fridays will be available for sale at the beginning of the school year once students have had a chance to vote on a design for the year.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

If you are interested in volunteering for school functions and field trips, please remember to complete the VIPS Volunteer Training and background check in the district website: <https://www.houstonisd.org/VIPS>

REGISTRATION

Registration/Enrollment for new students to Cage Elementary PK-5th grades will be offered August 14-18, 2023, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters every day for every class, PK through 8th grade. Therefore, it is expected that all students report to their classes daily and on time. Please remember, school begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. everyday.



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ARRIVALS AND DISMISSAL

Arrival and pick up of your child will be similar to the previous 2022-2023 school year:

- Bus riders, PPCD/PALS, SLL, PK, K, and 1st grade students will continue to be dropped off and picked up on the Leeland Driveway
- Older siblings must drop off and pick up their younger siblings. The drop-off and pick up location for the older and younger siblings will be according to the younger sibling's pick up and drop off location, for example, 5th grader and PK/K, 1st PPCD/PALS or SLL sibling will both get picked up and dropped off on the Leeland side.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th will be picked up and dropped off on the Ernestine Drive. Older siblings will be asked to pick up younger siblings.

We will continue to use car tag numbers. Numbers will be assigned once all new forms are submitted by parents/guardians. The tags indicating the students' assigned numbers should be placed on the dashboard for staff to call your student to the pick-up area. Students will be in the cafeteria and will not be allowed to wait outside until their number is called.

If you have any questions, please contact the front office at (713) 924-1700. We are looking forward to a great year!

Respectfully,

Maria Z. Castillo
Principal
Cage Elementary & Project Chrysalis Middle School