

# Zach Elementary School

**School Motto:** Together We Inspire

**School Mission:** We commit to do our best to encourage, inspire and meet each child's needs.

**School Vision:** Ensure high levels of learning for all students.

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/zachelementaryschool](https://facebook.com/zachelementaryschool)

Please "LIKE" us on Facebook! We make positive and celebratory posts and comments. It's a fun way to

**Website:** <https://zac.psdschools.org/>

**August 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>:**

- Back to School Night: Kindergarten 4:00-5:00pm; Google Meets
- Back to School Night: First Grade 5:00- 6:00 pm; Google Meets
- Back to School Night: Second Grade 6:00-7:00pm; Google Meets

**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>:**

- Back to School Night: Third Grade 4:00-5:00pm; Google Meets
- Back to School Night: Fourth Grade 5:00-6:00pm; Google Meets
- Back to School Night: Fifth Grade 6:00-7:00 pm; Google Meets

**Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:**

- Supply Pick-up for PSDV only: 8:00-11:00am: Zach Music Room

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- Zach Online Academy First Day of School
- Supply Pick-up for "A" day parents: 12:00-1:00pm; K-3rd
  - Kindergarten: Classrooms
  - First Grade: Art Room
  - Second Grade: Cafeteria
  - Third Grade: Gym
- Supply Pick-up for "A" day parents: 1:30-2:30pm; 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
  - Fourth Grade: Cafeteria
  - Fifth Grade: Gym

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- Zach Online Academy
- Supply Pick-up for "B" day parents: 12:00-1:00pm; K-3rd
  - Kindergarten: Classrooms
  - First Grade: Art Room
  - Second Grade: Cafeteria
  - Third Grade: Gym
- Supply Pick-up for "B" day parents: 1:30-2:30pm; 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
  - Fourth Grade: Cafeteria
  - Fifth Grade: Gym

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>:**

- Zach Online Academy First Day of Instruction: 8:15am-2:30pm

### **Home schooling?**

If you are doing any NON-PSD school or virtual program this year, please notify Stacey Towne at [stowne@psdscschools.org](mailto:stowne@psdscschools.org) so that we can remove your child from class rosters.

### **Zach Online Academy**

Beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>, we will begin learning through "Zach Online Academy". We are very excited to launch this for all our Zach students. We have a really talented group of teacher leaders creating the most amazing format and schedules.

### **PSD Virtual no longer accepting student enrollment**

After the Saturday, Aug. 8 deadline, PSDV enrollments will NOT be accepted. The transfer process will be handled as outlined in district policy JFBA - CHOICE / OPEN ENROLLMENT. More info >>

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast and Lunch!

PSD will offer sack meals to PSD students (beginning Aug. 24) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, at numerous PSD schools and additional locations (on scheduled school days).

Students will be able to get two sack meals - one sack lunch for that day and a sack breakfast for the following morning. Menus will be available [here](#).

### **Cost of meals:**

- **Free and reduced-priced meals:** - Students who have qualified for free and reduced-priced meals will receive meals at no cost. For information or to apply, visit the Free and Reduced-Priced Meals website.
- **Students buying meals:** will be charged the normal breakfast and lunch prices. Because of COVID-19, the district will only accept online payments through SchoolPay accounts, but no convenience fee will be charged (typically \$1 per transaction).

### **Zach Elementary or the following places:**

- Aberdour Cir At Park
- Bison Run Dr & Bison Ridge Dr
- Mummy Range At Clubhouse
- Observatory Dr & Cinquefoil Ln At Observatory Village Park
- Ridge West Dr South Of River West Dr
- Schooner Ln North Parking Lot

### **Zach OnLine Academy (ZOLA)**

Common Language: The term "virtual" refers to PSD Virtual School (PSDV), which is an entirely different school than Zach. It is for students registered for PSDV for the 20-21 school year and 100% of their learning is at home on the PSDV Curriculum.

Zach Online Academy (ZOLA) is for students registered to attend in-person at Zach Elementary. This group is in Phase 1 until October 14, and then may/may not return to in-person school depending on district decision.

All grade levels and Specials will be using the online platform of Google Meets for their Phase 1 instruction.

**FOR PHASE 1 ONLY:**

Students need to attend online school from 8:15am-2:30pm Monday – Thursday, and 8:15-8:30am on Fridays. (Fourth grade will be 9:15-9:30am on Fridays).

Students have access to their homeroom instruction through their "Learning Page".

Go to our Zach website at <https://zac.psdscschools.org/>

Click on the tab menu "Learning Pages", then choose the grade level, then the teacher.

## **COMMUNICATION**

All families will receive direct communication from their homeroom teacher by end of day Friday, August 14.

## **ROSTERS**

Class rosters are posted on our Zach website at <https://zac.psdschools.org/>

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## **FAMILY ORIENTATION**

We will host a more traditional family orientation prior to returning to school in Phase 3. At that time, families may be able to come into the building for tours and classroom visits, in small groups. No date is set yet.

## **Back to School Night: 8/19 & 8/20**

These will be virtual on Google Meets. 30 mins presentation from your child's homeroom teacher and 30 mins of Q&A. Look for more info on this from your homeroom teacher.

Kindergarten is Wednesday, 8/19 4:00-5:00pm

1st Grade is Wednesday, 8/19 5:00-6:00 pm

2nd Grade is Wednesday, 8/19 6:00-7:00 pm

3rd Grade is Thursday, 8/20 4:00-5:00 pm

4th Grade is Thursday, 8/20 5:00-6:00 pm

5th Grade is Thursday, 8/20 6:00-7:00 pm

**SUPPLY PICKUP**

One parent/guardian only (no children) can pick up their child's supplies on the following schedules. Supplies include your pre-purchased supply kit, textbooks and materials from homeroom, and laptops. Currently all 3rd-5th will have laptops unless you noted otherwise in ParentVue. Those in K-2nd that need it, we will try our best to get you a device at this pick up date.

PLEASE BRING A RUBBERMADE CONTAINER OR LARGE BOX THAT YOU CAN PUT EVERYTHING IN TO CARRY. THOSE SPORT WAGONS WORK GREAT TOO!

**For PSDV ONLY:** Friday August 21 8:00-11:00am

In Music Room; one parent pick up tech and supply kit (if pre-purchased)

For all Grade Levels attending Zach:

Please check ParentVue to see if you child is an "A" day or a "B" day

Monday, August 24 is an "A" day parent/guardian

Tuesday, August 25 is a "B" day parent/guardian

Grade	Time	Location
K	12:00-1:00	Each classroom (exterior door)
1	12:00-1:00	Art Room
2	12:00-1:00	Cafeteria
3	12:00-1:00	Gym
4	1:30-2:30	Cafeteria
5	1:30-2:30	Gym

### **Parent Volunteer Yardwork**

**WE NEED YOU! PLEASE OUR SCHOOL LOOK GREAT!**

PSD is not allowing any volunteers in the building until further notice, but they didn't say anything about outside. LOL! We are in big need of weekend landscaping support. Our south side of the building needs love! There are weeds in the cracks of the blacktop, sidewalk, and have completely taken over the kindergarten area. If you are good with a weed eater...please come over anytime on a Saturday and Sunday and work your magic. All debris can be bagged and left in our school dumpster.

### **Homeroom Rosters**

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### **Parent Tech Help**

Here is the PSD link for parents to get help with tech. The last button "syncing" describes how a student would logon to Google Chrome as themselves if using a family owned device. This allows them to switch users so they can get into all PSD applications easily. <https://it.psd.schools.org/application/parent-guides>

### Zola Schedule for Phase 1

Students need to log on to their Homeroom at 8:15am; 4<sup>th</sup> grade students log on to the Specials class at 8:15am. The schedule is as follows and is subject to change. WIN stands for What I need.

	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
8:15am	Class Mtg: Attendance & Announcements	Class Mtg: Attendance & Announcements	Class Mtg: Attendance & Announcements	Class Mtg: Attendance & Announcements	Specials	Class Mtg: Attendance & Announcements	
8:30am	Literacy	Literacy	Math	Literacy	Class Mtg: Attendance & Announcements	Specials	
8:45am					Math		Homeroom Writing
9:00am							
9:15am							
9:30am		Math	Specials	WIN	Literacy	Block 1: Reading or Math	
9:45am							
10:00am							
10:15am	Math	History	Literacy	Math			Block 2: Reading or Math
10:30am							
10:45am							
11:00am	Specials	WIN	Literacy		Math	History	
11:15am	WIN	Specials					
11:30am							
11:45am							
12:00pm	SchoolWide Lunch & Recess						
1:00pm	Science	History	History	History	History Independent Practice	WIN	
1:15pm							
1:30pm	Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours	Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours	Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours	Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours	WIN	History	
1:45pm							
2:00pm	Free Centers/ Teacher Office Hours				Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours	Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours	Student Independent Practice/Teacher Office Hours
2:15pm							
2:30pm	Dismissal						

### **Required Forms to Complete Electronically**

- Student Profile
  - Please log in to [ParentVue](#) and go to “Student Information.” Please verify that all information is accurate. You, as the parent, can edit emergency contacts. If you need to change your address or contact information, please email Stacey Towne our Registrar, at [stowne@psdschools.org](mailto:stowne@psdschools.org) to make this change.
- [2020-21 Students Rights & Code of Conduct](#) (click to access Student/ParentVUE to read the PSD Code of Conduct): *parents and secondary students must electronically sign and acknowledge they have received and read the Code of Conduct before gaining access to Student/ParentVUE for the year.*
- OPTIONAL: PSD Parent Non-Permission Form (click [here](#) to print and complete)

### **ParentVue**

Using the ParentVUE, StudentVUE portals The Synergy ParentVUE portal gives parents and guardians web and mobile access to permission to share and other forms, assessments, report cards and class schedules when available. Earlier this summer, parents should have received instructions on accessing ParentVUE accounts for both new and existing users. Learn how to access and/or activate your account on the "Accessing and Activating a ParentVUE Account" web page.

### **French Club**

French Club will be offered virtually beginning October 1. Follow the link below for more information and to register. Please contact Alexis Cale with any questions at [alexis@frenchbyalexis.com](mailto:alexis@frenchbyalexis.com)  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/113820117034>

### **Great Happens Here Newsletter**



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