



# HOW TO HAVE A GREAT YEAR AT KLO

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### What are ways I can be involved?

There are many ways to get involved in both your child's classroom and the whole KLO community.

- You can **contact** your child's teacher about coming in to share something with the class, helping out with special projects, or chaperoning field trips.
- You can also **volunteer** at school events with our Family Liaison, Nancy Wyse ([nwyse@cpsd.us](mailto:nwyse@cpsd.us)).
- You can be a **room parent!** Contact Nancy Wyse if interested.
- You can join **School Council** (a group of parents, educators, and community members, led by the Principal) or **Friends of K-LO** (fundraising group). Both meet monthly in the evening hours. Keep an eye out for upcoming information.
- If your schedule doesn't allow you to volunteer time, contact your child's teacher about donating supplies or snacks for the classroom. All forms of support are recognized and appreciated!

### How do I pay for lunch?

You can pay online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) or mail a check with the names of your children to the Food Service Office at 158 Spring Street (the KLO building!). You can apply for free for reduced-price meals by downloading an application from the Food Services section of the CPS website, applying online on the CPS website, or by contacting them at 617.349.6858.

### How do I sign up for after school programs at the KLO?

Registration for the first session of the Kennedy Community School will take place during the week of September 10th. After school begin on September 17th. The first session ends on February 15th. You can sign up at the Community School office or contact Shirley Santos at [ssantos@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ssantos@cambridgema.gov) or 617.349.6308.

If you are interested in after school programs at another Cambridge location, you can find information through Findit Cambridge: <https://www.finditcambridge.org/>.

### What supplies does my child need to bring?

Nothing! All your child needs is a backpack large enough to hold a folder and a lunchbox (if bringing lunch from home). Teachers will provide folders, pencils, and additional school supplies as needed.

Teachers appreciate donations such as tissues, disinfectant wipes, etc. Contact your child's teacher with questions.

## What is the homework policy?

Homework at KLO is used to reinforce what your child has learned in school. Homework looks different in each grade level. Your child's teacher will explain class homework expectations at Back to School Night and in the first weeks of school.

## What time does school start?

The first bell rings at 7:40AM. Students may go to their classrooms at that time. The second bell rings at 7:55AM. All students should be in their rooms and ready to learn at that time. Students who arrive later than 7:55AM. are tardy and are required to get a late pass in the office before entering the classroom.

## Can my child eat breakfast at school?

Yes! Breakfast is free for any KLO student and begins at 7:15AM. Please note that KLO staff greet children as they enter the building and encourage them to get breakfast.

## How can I contact families in my child's class?

Each class will have a room parent to help facilitate communication amongst interested parents. Be on the lookout for information from your child's room parent coming in September!

## What if my child's daily dismissal plan changes?

If your child will not be dismissed regularly (either leaving early or a bus/pick-up change), please notify your child's teacher as early as possible. Send a note or an email to the teacher before the school day begins. **If plans change while the school day is already in session, please call the front office before 12NOON in order to minimize interruptions to instruction and facilitate a safe, smooth dismissal.**

## How do I contact KLO staff?

You can call the main office at 617.349.6841 and be connected to any staff member. Also, all KLO staff members can be reached by email. Most email addresses are the first letter of the first name, followed by the full last name @cpsd.us. For example, Nancy Wyse has an email address of nwyse@cpsd.us.

## How do I get more information about KLO and Cambridge Public Schools?

Throughout the year you will receive emails, newsletters, flyers, and phone calls from the school and the district. You can also find information on the CPS website: <https://www.cpsd.us/>. For example, you can locate your children's bus stop, learn about the curriculum for each grade, view the school calendar, etc.

## What if I have more questions?

Teachers will provide information at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 13th. Teachers can answer classroom-related questions throughout the year. Nancy Wyse publishes a monthly newsletter for families and can answer questions about school-wide events and activities.

