

# Welcome Back to Tiogue School

I am excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year. This school year will be another extraordinary and productive year. Our devoted teachers and staff have spent their summer planning and preparing for your child(ren). Ms. Tara Rachiele, our phenomenal school secretary, has worked very hard to prepare Tiogue School for our new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files.

Once again Mr. John and his team of hard working custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning Tiogue in anticipation for the start of the school year. Our much-appreciated PTA has been gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer another year of exciting events

## Drop Off and Dismissal

Our new school hours will be 8:15am-3:00pm. Drop off for cars and buses can begin at 8:10am. School will start promptly at 8:30. All students that enter the building after 8:30 will be considered late. Student pick-up will begin at 2:55pm. Our arrival and dismissal procedures have remained the same for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents that drive their child/ren to and from school will continue to do so in the back of the building. No cars will be allowed in the front of the building; this area will be reserved for buses only. All students that ride a bus and children from the neighborhood that do not qualify for bussing (walkers) will be dropped off and dismissed in the front of the building. A list will be generated of the neighborhood families. Please do not park your car in the neighborhood and walk up to the school. If your child qualifies for busing, we highly recommend that you utilize the bus service.

## Electronic Devices

Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed during school time. If a student brings a device to school, it must remain in their backpack or coat pocket and all risks associated with this technology being at school become the owner's responsibility. Parents will be contacted if a student fails to keep the electronics in the proper place.

## [Digital Use and Internet Safety Policy Link](#)

## School Lunch Program

School breakfast and lunch programs will no longer be free to every child. If your child qualifies for free or reduced breakfast/lunch you will be notified. More information will be provided as we get closer to the opening of school. Links have been attached to this newsletter.

## Student Placement

Requests for a specific teacher for your child cannot be accepted. Our primary responsibility is to develop classes which reflect a balanced distribution of student learning styles and abilities.

Teachers and administrators work together to develop classes for each school year. They do their best to match students and teachers so that the individual needs of each student are considered in the overall composition of each classroom. If you have information that you as a parent feel is important for the school to know in these placement decisions, it is important to meet with the school principal and put your information in writing prior to June for next year's considerations.

## First Day

Our first day for students in Grades 1-5 is August 30 th. Here is a link to our [2023 - 2024 School Calendar](#). After the "Slow Start Program", Kindergarteners begin school on September 5th. Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to make certain that Tiogue School remains a well celebrated and successful school is amazing. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Together, I know we will make this school year one of academic success and growth for all children. I will continue to send any information out necessary for your child's success as we get closer to our first day,

Respectfully,

Mrs. Merola, Principal

Tiogue School

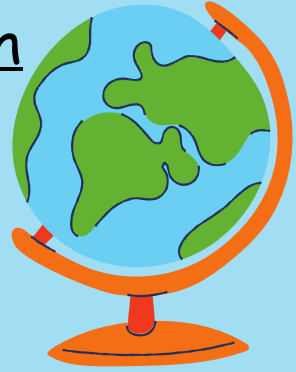
Household elementary letter

Meal Benefit Application

How to apply for free or reduced lunch

Healthy School Meals

App to apply for free or reduces lunch



All underlined titles are links . Please click on each link for more information.

**ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK**

★★★★★ Please sign and return the CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT

Bus Runs Look for Tiogue School

Coventry P11

Join Boys and Girls Scouts



August 30th first day of school for grade 1-5

Don't be Late! Be here for 8:15

Please don't forget to complete the



Tiogue Dismissal Decision Form

Seat belt Helper

ZUWIT Seat Belt Buckle Holder – Easy Access to The Buckles of Rear Seats - Plug The Seat Belt in with Only One Hand – Friendly to Kids, and Passengers with Special Needs (Black x2)



200+ bought in past month

Color: Black x2



Kindergarten Presentation

# Tiogue Elementary School Dismissal Decision Sign-up 2023-24

*It is very helpful if you are able to fill this out prior to the first day of school. This helps us in having a safe and orderly dismissal on day 1.*

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

My Child will be a permanent walker\* on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My Child will be a permanent car pick up\* on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My Child will be a permanent bus rider\* on the following day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please check ALL statements after you read this and then sign below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that either a parent or a person listed on the school's emergency contact form will pick up my child.

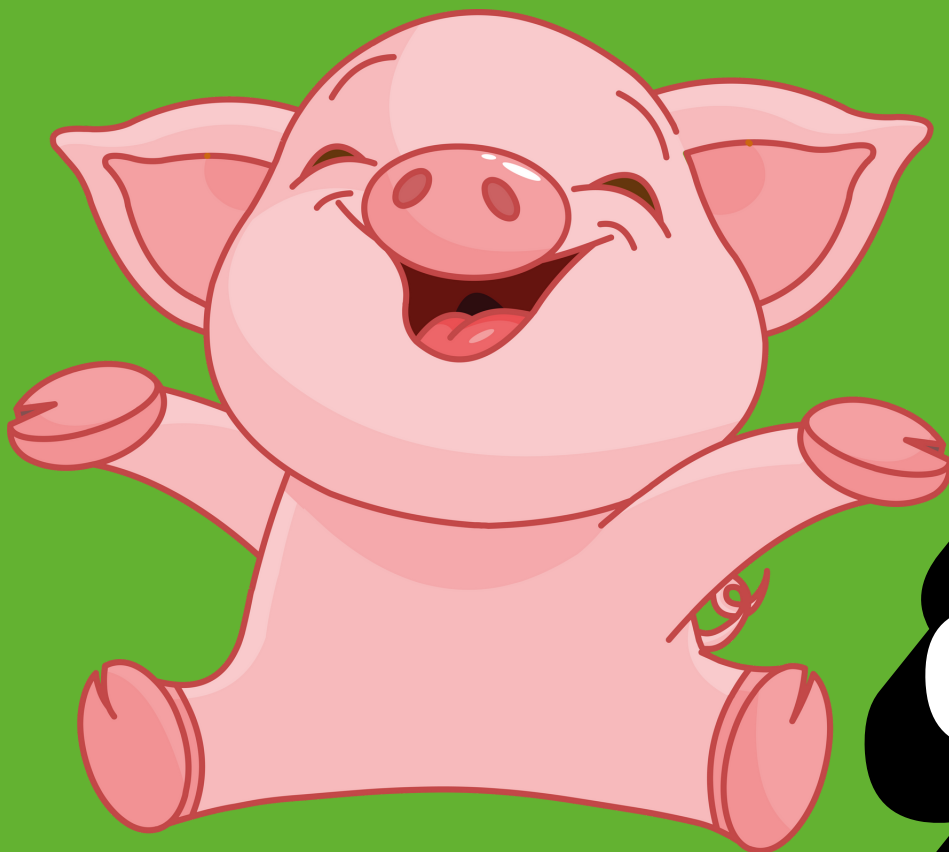
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that written notification must be received by the school in order to change this dismissal. Phone calls and emails are not accepted as notification for change of dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a photo ID will be requested when my child is being picked up.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

\*A permanent walker is defined as a student that does not take the bus home. Either a person on the emergency sheet or I will pick up my child in the designated location near the entrance to the parking lot.

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD  
TO SEEING ALL MY  
TIOGUE STUDENTS IN  
GRADES 1-5 ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 30TH**



**CAN'T WAIT**

