



Island Creek Elementary Family Quick Guide 2022-2023



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Alexandria, VA 22315

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Attendance: [571-642-6363](tel:571-642-6363)
[Online attendance form](#)

Cafeteria: 571-642-63621

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Island Creek Elementary Administration

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Social Media

Twitter: twitter.com/islandcreekes

Facebook: facebook.com/Island-Creek-Elementary-School-104478422368025

School Hours

8:35 AM -3:20 PM, Monday – Friday

*Any student brought to school after 8:35 AM **MUST** be accompanied to the front office by a parent or guardian for check-in.

Parent Liaison

If you have questions regarding school, need assistance finding resources and services to support your family, please contact our Parent Liaison, Jane Horowitz, at: jrhowitz@fcps.edu or at 571-642-6307

Contacting Your Child's Teachers

Please check the Island Creek Elementary School website for staff email addresses.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences may be requested throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher.

Classroom Visits

Visitors are welcome in classrooms; however, prior arrangements should be made with the teacher and an administrator.

Thursday Folder

Be sure to check your child's Thursday Folder every week for student work, timely information, and important school forms. Periodically sending home communications on other days may be necessary.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at Island Creek Elementary. To get involved contact the school, teachers, PTA for additional information.

Family Resources

If your family needs support with basic needs or social services, please contact our school social worker

Allison DeGregorio, amdegregorio@fcps.edu

Report Absences or Tardiness

Please report your child absent or tardy each day before 9:15 AM at:

[571-642-6363](tel:571-642-6363)

[Online attendance form](#)

Absences and tardiness are addressed through individual interventions and may include required doctor's notes and referrals to the school attendance officer (at 5 unexcused absences).

Release of Students

All transportation changes need to be **submitted in writing** to the school via email or a note.

Emergencies happen and parents are encouraged to and plan for this by deciding in advance with friends, family and neighbors.

Changes to a student's dismissal procedures need to be made prior to 2:45 PM. For your child's safety, the person authorized to pick up the student will need to present a valid photo ID in person for verification purposes.

Sick Child

Our school Health Room is staffed by the Fairfax County Health Department and Health Aide program. Health room aides (HRAs) who staff the Health Room are NOT nurses, but are trained by the Health Department and work under the supervision of a nurse. The Health Room is not a medical clinic. If your child becomes sick or has an injury, you will be contacted according to guidelines. If your child needs to go home, he or she must be picked up as soon as possible. The emergency contact persons listed on your child's emergency care information sheet may be contacted to pick up your child if you cannot be reached.

For the continued health of the ICES community, please have students stay at home for at least 24 hours after the symptoms have cleared.

Medication

The school does NOT provide medications. An "Authorization for Medication" form is required to give students medication at school. This form is available at the main office or <https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/se63.pdf>.

Medications must be stored in the clinic and brought to school by an adult.

Transportation

- Students should ride assigned buses.
- Riding the bus is a privilege, and acceptable standards of conduct are expected of all bus passengers.
- Kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop daily by a parent, parent designee, guardian, or a responsible middle school age or higher sibling.

Kiss-and-ride Loop

Students transported in private vehicles should be picked up and dropped off in the designated Kiss-and-Ride lanes. **(The front loop is reserved for bus traffic and emergency vehicles only.)** The Kiss-and-Ride Loop is the only place where car riders are adequately supervised to ensure their safety. We have a number system in place- details will follow for new families.

Cafeteria Information

Special Diet Requests

Any parent requesting a physician prescribed diet should contact the Public Health Nurse that supports our school (See Health Room), who will coordinate with the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist in the Central Office. The school nurse or health aide will give the manager the current list of students with requested food allergies such as milk. The manager will flag these students on the terminal.

Breakfast:

Students-\$1.75 ; Adults-\$2.35

Lunch:

Students- \$3.25; Adults - \$4.50

*Payments can be made via MySchoolBucks, cash/ check to café manager.

MySchoolBucks

This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to pay for school-related purchases. You will be able to pay for a variety of school fees using credit/debit cards or electronic checks.

This user-friendly service is free.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>

Visitors

FCPS policy requires all visitors to report to the office when entering any public school building, sign in using their driver's license, and wear a visitor's badge while in the school building.

Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch beginning October 1, 2022.

Emergency Care Cards

Please keep the office informed of any changes in home, work, or emergency contact information.

Bicycles

Students are permitted to ride bicycles on school grounds. The bicycle rack is located near the Kiss and Ride loop.

Birthdays

If a student wishes to bring a class treat for his/her birthday, we ask that parents make arrangements with the classroom teacher in advance. Treats should be single-serving items that are store-bought and do not require refrigeration to allow for reading the printed ingredients in consideration of our students with known allergies. Parents with students with known allergies are highly encouraged to provide non- refrigerated snacks and treats for their child to keep on hand at school. Birthday treats will be distributed in the cafeteria during your class' lunch time and not during instructional time.

Party invitations may not be distributed at school due to a School Board Regulation that outlines that students may not make mass distributions of non-school materials in school buildings or on school grounds during school hours, including bus arrival and departure times. Parents may give the teacher permission to distribute their contact information (emails) to other parents for the purpose of parents communicating outside of school.

Phones & Portable Devices on bus & School

Phones must be silenced and in backpacks for the duration of the school day. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g. smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, internet, calls, etc.) are to be disabled. Teachers (grades 3 – 6) may allow usage of cell phones for instructional activities where they are the most appropriate tool, however one-to-one FCPS devices should meet most needs. Cell phones may be used on campus only before and after school.

Island Creek Elementary VISION Statement:

Island Creek, through the development of a strong Professional Learning Community, will support all students in preparing for the world of the future. We will give students a broad spectrum of opportunities to promote life-long learning in literacy, math and science, technology and the arts.

Island Creek Elementary MISSION Statement:

Island Creek Elementary School inspires students to lead ethical lives, demonstrate responsible citizenship, and meet high academic standards.

Behavior

All students are expected to model behavior expectations and adhere to the Fairfax County Public School Student Rights and Responsibilities Regulation (SR&R-2601). This Handbook will be distributed to students on the first day of school and will be discussed with all students during the first week of school. Students are expected to:

- Be responsible for his/her own behavior and be accountable to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) regulations
- Arrive to school on time and be prepared each day
- Crocs Creed with PBA
- Responsive Classroom with Morning Meeting and Closing Circle



Admission

Students are required to enter kindergarten in the state of Virginia if they are five years old on/or before September 30. Please contact the school for further information on requirements and documentation for registering and requirements for immunizations. Children without all required immunizations CANNOT enter school. Questions regarding immunizations should be directed to the Student Information Assistant (SIA)

Withdrawal and Transfers and Registration

Parents should notify the school in writing or in person at least one week prior to the child's transfer or withdrawal date. Notification should include the date of the child's last day and the location of the new school.

If the move is outside of our school boundaries, you must enroll your student in his/her new school in a timely fashion. Please call our Student Information Assistant (SIA) for more information.

Elementary Academic Reporting System

Standards-based Progress Reports are issued four times a year (at the end of each nine-week period). Interim Reports are sent home in the middle of a grading period. Parent conferences are by the end of the first quarter and as needed. Interim Reports are not sent in first quarter for Kindergarten. Interims will be sent home to all students (except Kindergarteners) for the first quarter and at teacher discretion for subsequent quarters.

For more information on FCPS' Standards-based Progress Reports please go to:

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/grading-and-reporting/elementary-school>

Delayed Opening/Early Closing

Inclement weather, snow, extreme heat, etc. may result in a school closings, delayed openings, or early dismissals. Radio and television stations carry this news when such decisions are made.

2022-2023 Calendar & Events

2022

August 22	School Begins
September 2 -5	Student Holidays- <i>Labor Day</i>
October 5	Student Holiday- <i>Yom Kippur</i>
October 11	Student Holiday- <i>Indigenous People's Day</i>
October 24	Holiday - <i>Diwali</i>
October 28	1 st Grading Period Ends – <i>2-hour early release</i>
October 31	Student Holiday
November 8	Holiday – <i>Election Day</i>
November 11	Student Holiday- <i>Veteran's Day</i>
November 23-25	Holiday - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
December 19-	Holiday - <i>Winter Break</i>
January 2	

2023

January 3	Classes Resume
January 16	Student Holiday – <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday</i>
January 25	2 nd Grading Period Ends- <i>2-hour release</i>
January 26-27	Student Holiday
February 20	Student Holiday- <i>President's Day</i>
March 2	2 Hour Early Release
March 3	Student Holiday
April 3-7	Holiday - <i>Spring Break</i>
April 13	End of Third Quarter – <i>2-hour early release</i>
April 14	Student Holiday- <i>Orthodox Good Friday</i>
April 21	Student Holiday- <i>Eid al Fitr</i>
May 29	Holiday – <i>Memorial Day</i>
June 16	Last Day of School- <i>Early Release</i>



Communicator



Collaborator



Creative and
Critical Thinker



Ethical and
Global Citizen



Goal-Directed
and Resilient
Individual

Portrait of a Graduate