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School starts promptly at **9:00 AM** and ends at **3:30 PM**.  
**Kindergarten** will be dismissed at **3:20 PM**.

Students must enter the building from their assigned doors.  
 Breakfast will be served in classrooms.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Learn with Lawton</b> 10am-12:00	2
3	4 Labor Day <b>Schools Closed</b>	5 <b>1st Day of School for Students</b> Kindergarten Interviews (3-hour early Dismissal for kindergarten students only)	6 Kindergarten Interviews (3-hour early Dismissal for kindergarten students only)	7 Kindergarten Interviews (3-hour early Dismissal for kindergarten students only)	8 Kindergarten Interviews (3-hour early Dismissal for kindergarten students only)	9
10 Star Assessment begins this week	11 Kindergarten Interviews (3-hour early Dismissal for kindergarten students only)	12	13	14 <b>Back to School Night</b> Begins at 5pm 	15 <b>1st Day of Hispanic Heritage Month</b>	16 Rosh Hashanah 
17 Rosh Hashanah	18	19	20 <b>Uniform Orders Due</b>	21	22	23
24	25 Yom Kippur <b>Schools Closed</b>	26	27	28	29 3 hour early dismissal	30



### **New Information**

- Monday, September 4th
  - Labor Day
  - School will be closed
  
- Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Monday, September 11, 2023
  - Kindergarten Interviews (3-hour early Dismissal for kindergarten students only)
  
- Monday, September 11th
  - Star Assessment will begin this week.
  - This important assessment will be given three times a year.
  - It will measure students' progress in both reading and math.
  - Please encourage your children to try their best.
  
- Thursday, September 14th
  - Back to School Night: [☰ Back to School Night Parent Letter 2023-2024](#)
  - Back to school night will take place in person.
  
- Saturday, September 16th - Sunday, September 17th
  - Rosh Hashanah
  - It's the Jewish new year. The words, "Rosh Hashanah" actually translate to "Head of the Year" in Hebrew. A lot of the symbolism around the holiday involves sweet things. We eat apples and challah dipped in honey in the hopes of having a "sweet" new year, one that is filled with love, happiness, joy, and celebration.
  - PBS LearningMedia video about Rosh Hashanah
    - <https://whyy.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/ba4dd41e-7a49-488d-86ed-134afb776cd0/rosh-hashanah-all-about-the-holidays/>

- Wednesday, September 20th
  - Gym Uniform and School Polo Shirt Orders and Money are due.
    - ( Cash only- Exact amount- Change will not be able to be given)
  - It is not mandatory to order, but they are available if you would like. Please look on DoJo and our school website for pictures and prices.  
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- Monday, September 25th
  - Yom Kippur
  - Schools Closed
  - It is a day marked by prayer and fasting. Yom Kippur is observed on the 10th day of the Jewish calendar month Tishri. The holiday usually occurs in September or October. In English, Yom Kippur is known as the Day of Atonement.
  - PBS LearningMedia video about Yom Kippur
    - <https://why.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/5d1ba7f1-58d6-4c44-8946-3eb5882963c4/yom-kippur-all-about-the-holidays/>
  
- Friday, September 29th
  - 3 hour early dismissal
  
- Dismissal:
  - Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the gym door in the large yard. Please remember to bring a photo ID when picking up your child.
  - Grades 1 & 2 will be dismissed in the small yard.
  - Grades 3 & 4 will be dismissed in the large yard.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be dismissed on Lardner Street.
  
- Lawton has been using the School District messaging system to send reminders and updates. If you have not received emails or phone calls from us, please make sure that we have the correct phone number(s) on file for you.
- Please sign up to the Parent Portal if you did not do so already. This is the messaging system that sends both phone and email reminders/notifications.
  
- Students are to wear the school uniform every day. School uniform is tan bottoms and navy blue or white polo shirt.

- The gym uniform should be worn on gym days. It consists of gray sweatpants/shorts and a red T-shirt. Hoodies are not permitted at any time.
- Early dismissals are for emergencies/urgent circumstances only. Students miss instructional time as teachers provide instruction until the end of the school day.
- Everyone picking up a child from school must have a picture ID to show to staff before a child can be released. Parents/guardians must provide the names of those who are permitted to pick up their child on the forms provided. We cannot and will not release a child without written notification from a parent and photo ID of the person upon arrival in the main office. Please consult [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org) for more information regarding Early Release and Special Release procedures.