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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**.

**Attendance Matters!** There are **18 days** of school in the month of November.  
 Please ensure your child(ren) attends school daily and on time.

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		American Indian Heritage Month	1 Fundraiser Ends 	2	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 Election Day Schools Closed	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Diwali	13	14	15 Health Insurance Education Session 9:30 - 10:30	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 3-hour early Dismissal	23 Thanksgiving Day Schools Closed 	24 Schools Closed Native American Heritage Day	25
26	27 Report Card Conferences School Closed for Students	28	29	30		



## **New Information**

- **Tuesday, November 1st:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of American Indian Heritage Month
  - Native American Heritage Month honors the indigenous people living in the United States before the arrival of the Europeans. In November, the United States honors and celebrates the customs and legacy of Native Americans.
  - PBS LearningMedia: Native American Heritage Month:  
[PBS LearningMedia: Native American Heritage Month: Video Link](#)
  
- **Wednesday, November 1st:**
  - Fundraiser ends.
  - All orders are due.
  - No orders will be accepted after the 1st.
  
- **Sunday, November 5th:**
  - Daylight Savings Time Ends
  - [Daylight Savings Time: Video Link](#)
  
- **Tuesday, November 7th:**
  - **Schools are closed** for Election Day
  - The first Tuesday after November 1st is Election Day, allowing American citizens to elect their civic leaders. Americans over 18 years old can vote for their local, state, and national leaders.
  - [PBS LearningMedia: Election Day: Video Link](#)
  
- **Saturday, November 11th:**
  - Veterans Day
  - Veterans Day allows Americans to honor military veterans across the country. Originally celebrated as "Armistice Day" to mark the end of battles during WWI, the celebration has now extended to honor the more than 23 million veterans in the United States.
  - [PBS LearningMedia: Veterans Day: Video Link](#)

- **Sunday, November 12th:**
  - Diwali
  - Diwali, or Divali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.
  - [PBS: Diwali: Video Link](#)
  
- **Wednesday, November 15th:**
  - Health Insurance Educational Session
  - 9:30 to 10:30
  - In-Person in the IMC
  - More information will be shared at a later date
  
- **Wednesday, November 22nd:**
  - **3-hour Early Dismissal**
  
- **Thursday, November 23rd:**
  - **Thanksgiving Day**
  - **Schools Closed**
  - [PBS LearningMedia: Thanksgiving: Video Link](#)
  
- **Friday, November 24th:**
  - **Native American Heritage Day**
  - **Schools Closed**
  
- **Monday, November 27th:**
  - **No School for Students**
  - **Report Card Conferences**
    - Teachers will send home information regarding conference times.
  
- **Fundraiser Items Pick Up:**
  - **Pick-up times will be provided closer to the date.**

## Older Information

- 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.