

Lawton Elementary School  
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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 **5 instructional days** in the month of August.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18	19	20 1st Day for Staff Reorganization	21 Staff PD	22 Staff PD	23 Staff PD <b>Learn with Lawton 10am - 12pm</b>	24
25	26 First Day of School for Students Kindergarten Interview day 12:30 dismissal for K students only	27 Kindergarten Interview day  12:30 dismissal for K students only	28 Kindergarten Interview day  12:30 dismissal for K students only	29 Kindergarten Interview day  12:30 dismissal for K students only	30 Kindergarten Interview day  12:30 dismissal for K students only	31



## New Information

- **Learn with Lawton:**
  - **Friday, August 23rd**
    - **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
    - Lawton will celebrate its annual event. The purpose of Learn with Lawton is to build community partnership, increase social awareness among our students and families and most importantly, to help students bridge the gap between our community, home, and school. Our goal for the 2024-2025 school year is to continue to build positive relationships, increase school attendance, improve climate and culture, academic performance and school success.
  
- **1st Day of School!**
  - **Monday, August 26th**
  - **The first day of school for students in grades Kindergarten through 5th is Monday, August 26, 2024.**
  - In order to ensure the safety of all of our students on the first day of school, please adhere to the following:
    - Students in grades 1-5 should arrive no earlier than 9:00 AM- All returning students will arrive for the first day of school and return to their teacher/classroom that they were in for the 2023-2024 School Year. Teachers will have the opportunity to welcome students back and will transition them to their new teacher. All students that are new to Lawton will report to the cafeteria upon entry.
    - Students in grades 1-2 will enter through the “D” door in the small yard. Students in grades 3-5 will enter through the “C” door in the large yard. **Parents will not be permitted to enter the school building.**
    - 2024-2025 Kindergarten students should arrive at 10:00 AM- Teachers will meet their classes in the large yard. Students will enter with their teacher through the gym door and proceed to their classroom. **Parents will not be permitted to enter the school building to walk students to the classroom.**

- **Kindergarten Interviews:**
  - **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - 3-hour early Dismissal (12:30) for kindergarten students only
  - On these days, Kindergarten students will dismiss through the “B” door on Lardner St.
  
- **Dismissal:**
  - *School closes at 3:30. It is essential that all students are picked up on time.*
  - Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the gym door in the large yard
    - For the first three days (Interview days, K students will be dismissed at the “B” door on Lardner Street. \*
    - Please remember to bring a photo ID when picking up your child.
  - Grades 1 & 2 will be dismissed in the small yard.
  - Grades 3 - 5 will be dismissed in the large yard.
  
- 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/khaki bottoms and navy blue or white polo shirt. Hoodies are not permitted at any time.
  
- The gym uniform should be worn on gym days. It consists of gray sweatpants/shorts and a plain 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.
  
- Anyone picking up a child from school early 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.

- We look forward to partnering with our parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the main office at 215-400-3340 to make an appointment.