

Falcon Files

August 21, 2015



Happy Friday Downtown Families!



It was another fantastic week at the Downtown School. Our first All-School Sing will be held on August 28th at 8:30 a.m. in the lower gym. We hope you can join us.

The pick-up procedure is going very well so thank you all for your patience. Remember 9/10 year olds and their siblings should get picked up in the back of school. When dropping off in the morning, please drive your car as far into the circle drive as possible so we can accommodate as many vehicles as possible.

Beginning Monday, August 24th, the parking lot on across the street from Central Campus will be open to permit holders only so you will have to use street parking when walking your children to and from school. The city of Des Moines has authorized our parents to park in designated locations on Grand Avenue with a Downtown School hang tag on the your car's rear view mirror. The designated locations are on the south side of Grand Avenue between 16th and 18th Street. If you do not have a hang tag, please let us know.

School starts at 8:15; if your child comes after that time a pass will be written admitting them to their classroom.

Picture Day is Friday, September 18. The classroom teachers will send picture package information to you.

The **Downtown School PTA** needs you. Haven't joined the PTA yet? It's easy—and inexpensive.

A \$10 membership helps to pay for the following:

- Field trips
- Transportation
- Theater tickets
- Additional classroom supplies

The PTA is your chance to advocate for your child's education at the DTS. We help you stay connected to issues that affect teachers, staff, and students. In addition, a limited number of fundraisers help to purchase:

- iPads and other technology for the classrooms
- library furniture
- books
- art supplies

To join, email downtownschoolpta@gmail.com

The PTA will also be at our All-School Sing on August 28th so if you have not registered yet, this will be your chance. Don't forget to come to the PTA meeting on September 11th from 11:00-12:00 in the school library. Please join us on September 14th 6:00-8:00 p.m. for ice cream in the back of school near the playground. We are still in need of lunch and recess volunteers. Watch next week's Falcon Files for a link to sign up and volunteer.

See you Monday!

Stephanie Flickinger, Downtown School Principal

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