



Nash Elementary

Important Information for the 2025-2026 School Year

Dear Nash Family Members,

I hope this message finds you well, enjoying a wonderful summer break filled with relaxation and adventure. As we approach September 2nd, the first day of school, I want to share important updates and plans for the upcoming academic year.

Welcome and Staff Introductions: Our dedicated staff has been diligently preparing for your return, and we eagerly await welcoming everyone back to Nash Elementary. Whether you're a returning student or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have each of you as part of our school community. The beginning of the school year is a special time to build connections with students and foster new friendships among peers.

To our new students joining the Nash family, a warm and heartfelt welcome awaits you. We are confident that you will quickly feel at home here, guided by our core values of kindness, respect, and hard work.

I am delighted to introduce several talented new additions to our staff:

- Samantha Strangberg (Grade 2)
- Roger Johnson (Special Education-CDS Case Manager)
- Leigh-Anne Peper (Special Education-Program Support Teacher)

Each of these individuals comes highly recommended and will be invaluable assets as we continue to nurture and support every student's journey.

Nash Website: As this new school year begins, we know there are many new families and staff members. To help connect us with upcoming events, resources, PTA, district news, and even links to the videos of Nash News broadcasts, we have a [school website](#). Please visit this site to help navigate through the upcoming school year. We have made some changes to some of the pages and will be frequently adding content as the year progresses.

Open House: Join us for our in-person Open House on **August 26th from 5:00-6:30 pm**. This event is an excellent opportunity for students and families to meet teachers and prepare for the new school year. Feel free to bring in supplies. Supply Lists can be found on our [website](#).

District Calendar:

<https://www.kusd.edu/calendar/2025-26-instructional-calendars/>

School Day Start & End Times:

- K-5th Grade (starting September 2nd)
 - Monday-Thursday: 8:05 am - 3:11 pm
 - Friday: 8:05 am - 12:04 pm
- 4k (starting September 9th)
 - AM Session: 8:05 am - 11:15 am
 - PM Session: 11:56 am - 3:11 pm
 - Friday: No school

Classroom Assignments: Throughout the summer, teachers have been working diligently to prepare engaging and personalized learning opportunities for their classes. Class lists will be available on **August 25th** in [INFINITE CAMPUS](#).

[2025-2026 Nash Instructional Grade-Level Teams](#)

Transportation Information: Bus route details will be provided in students' take-home folders during Open House and can also be accessed via the [INFINITE CAMPUS](#) portal later this month.

Student Drop-off & Dismissal Procedures: Please review the following guidelines carefully to ensure safe and efficient student arrivals and departures.

To ensure the safety of everyone, please adhere to the following guidelines daily:

1. **Drop-off Procedures:**
 - Use the front drop-off circle as one lane for quick drop-offs.
 - Follow the line of cars and pull up as close to the main entrance as you can without leaving space and drop off all students ONE STOP, ONE DROP
 - Avoid stopping at the 2-5 entrance to prevent backups and frustration.
 - Cones will be added to reinforce the one-lane system.
2. **Crosswalk Safety:**

- Only cross the street or circle driveway at designated crosswalks.
- Staff are stationed at these points to assist students safely.
- Snowbanks in winter obscure visibility elsewhere, so please use designated crossings.

3. Cell Phone Use:

- Refrain from using cell phones while driving in the school zone.

4. Parking Etiquette:

- Do not park or drop off in crosswalk areas.

5. Exiting Vehicles:

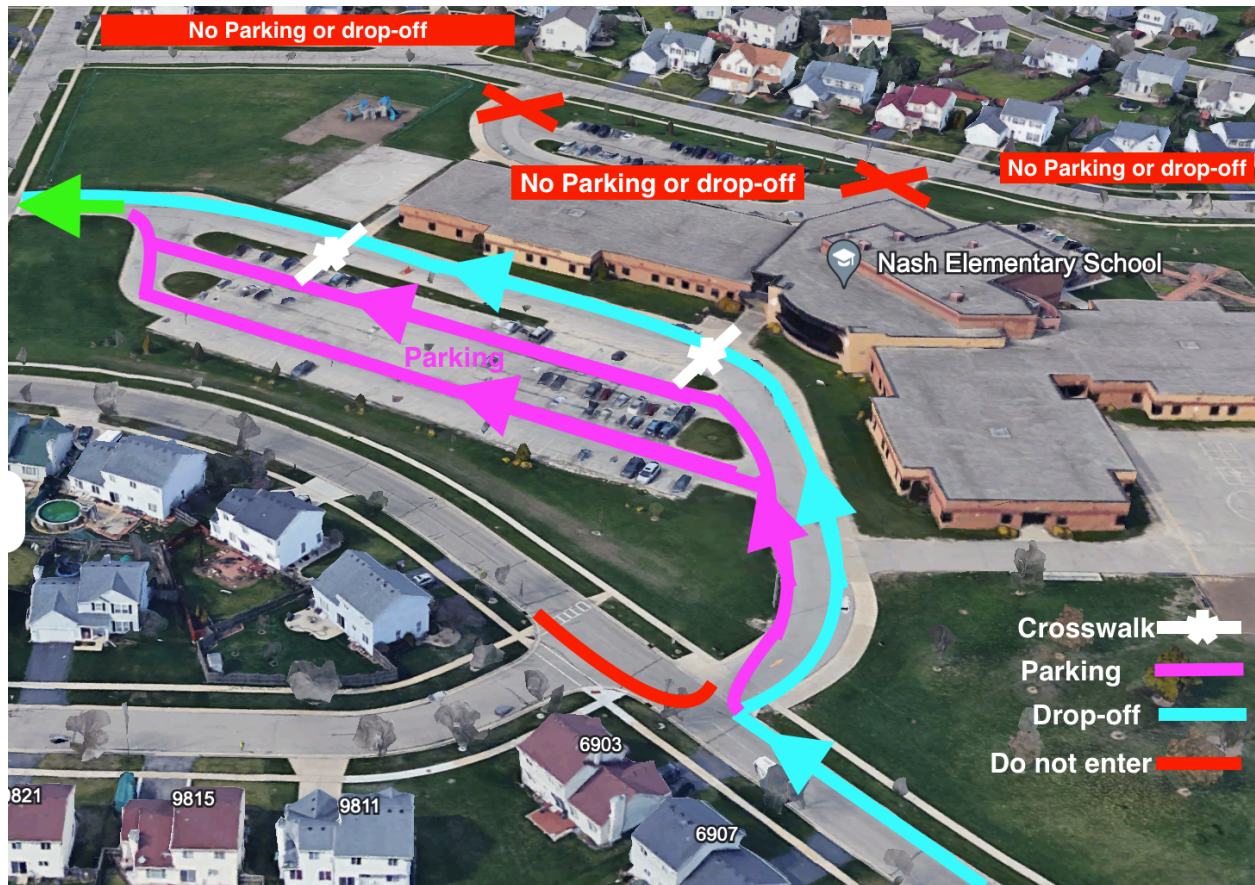
- If exiting the car is necessary, park in the designated parking lot instead of using the drop-off circle.

6. Parking Lot Safety:

- Do not leave children unattended in the parking lot.
- Escort your child to the nearest crosswalk after parking.

7. Street Parking Restrictions:

- Observe "No Parking" signs on streets surrounding the school.
- Park only in designated spots to ensure safety and legal compliance.
- Picking up children on the street is dangerous, causes congestion, and is illegal.



Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in keeping our school environment safe and orderly.

Inclement Weather Procedures: During inclement weather, students will enter the building and report directly to their designated coat hooks outside the classroom. Dismissal procedures remain the same.

Breakfast & Lunch: Breakfast begins at 7:40 am. Lunch is free for all students; those not participating in free lunch can purchase milk for 40 cents. Lunch accounts can be managed through [my school bucks](#).

Office Hours: Our office is open Monday through Friday from 7:40 am to 3:30 pm. For registration assistance, please visit kUSD.edu/registration. We will not have administrative assistance in the office until August 12, 2025.

FREE PLAY FRIDAYS:

Look around and it's easy to see: Kids are either on a screen, in a car, or at an

adult-led activity. At the same time, the rates of childhood anxiety and depression are skyrocketing. Is there a connection? Yes.

What's missing from kids' lives is plain old, free-form PLAYING and SOCIALIZING. In person. Those things aren't just fun for kids. They're fundamental. Throughout human history, playing, talking and running around in a mixed-age group in the REAL WORLD is how kids learned to make friends, solve problems, be brave, and get along.

This fall, Nash Elementary School is encouraging all families to engage in our Free Play Fridays. We invite students and their parents/ guardians to stick around after dismissal to allow students the chance to interact, socialize and problem-solve through PLAY! The goal is to allow kids the chance to build independence without adult remediation.

[The Let Grow Experience at Ortwein Elementary School](#)

WALKING SCHOOL BUSES:

This year your kid(s) can also take part in our WALKING SCHOOL BUS! The idea is simple; your student is either dropped off at a nearby 'stop', or meets up with other Nash students at a stop near your home, and together they walk the remaining blocks to school. YOU skip the car-pool line. THEY build self-confidence through independence. Want more opportunities to support your child as they build their self-esteem? Come to the Nash Bash or Open House (or both!) to learn more.

Dress Code & Electronic Devices: Please review the updated [dress code](#) and [electronic devices](#) policy to ensure compliance and student safety.

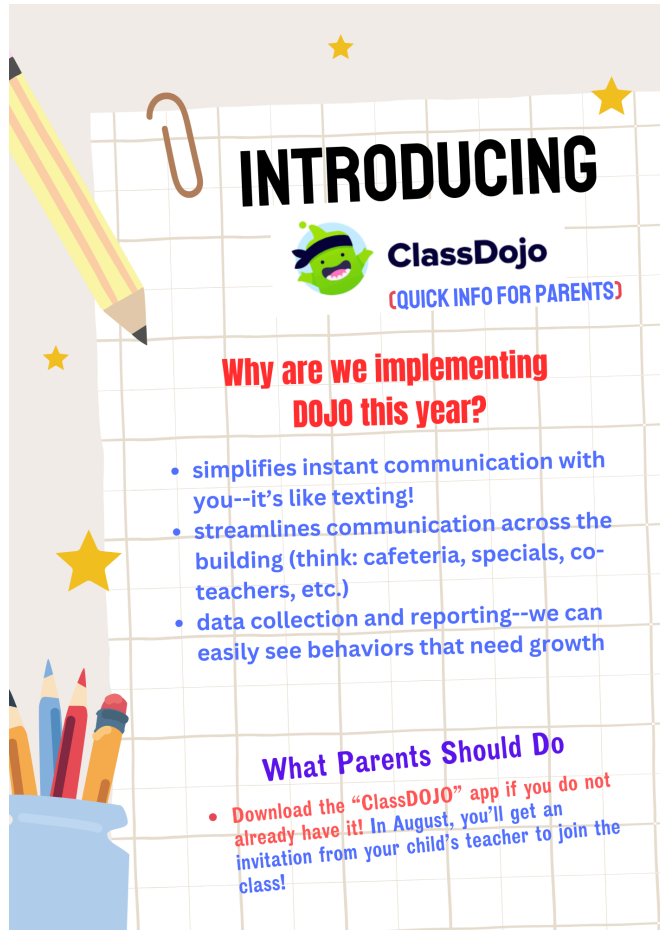
Our Nash Promise: Learn more about our commitment to kindness, respect, and hard work through our Nash Promise video: [Nash Promise Video](#).

Join Our PTA: Engage with our school community by attending monthly PTA meetings, usually held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Nash Library at 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided. **Our first PTA meeting is on September 9th.**

Parent Volunteers: We welcome and appreciate parent involvement in classrooms and school activities. Look for opportunities in teacher newsletters and PTA communications.

Pre-Arranged Absences: Use the provided [form](#) for any planned absences to facilitate communication with teachers and ensure preparedness for missed work. By state statute, I am unable to approve any absences over 10 days throughout the school year. Being here on time is paramount.

Wrap-Around Care: Kids Castle offers before and after-school care at our facility. For more information, visit [Kids Castle](#).



No Dogs Allowed: Please remember that dogs are not permitted on school property, including the building, playground, and green spaces.

Outdoor Classroom Project: Nash Elementary School is designing and building an outdoor learning environment for our students and staff. The goal is to provide an additional space for learning and skill development, leveraging the benefits of nature. By removing walls, we aim to create a versatile area where students can engage in activities such as reading, writing, math, science, and more.

Research demonstrates numerous positive health benefits of outdoor learning, including improved academic performance and enhanced mental health, as well as increased physical activity for students.

Our outdoor learning area will include a shelter, seating, and a storage area for learning supplies. It will be designed to accommodate whole group lessons, small group activities, and independent student work. Additionally, there will be a dedicated zone for

students to explore and investigate nature. The area will also feature resources for artistic and musical expression, storytelling, design, building, and fostering imagination. This outdoor learning area will be the first of its kind in our district, providing an exceptional opportunity for our staff and students.

Upcoming:

- PTA is holding a *Back-to-School Bash* on **August 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** The flyer is on our Facebook pages and our website.

We look forward to seeing you at The Back-to-School Bash. We are very much looking forward to a successful school year at Nash Elementary School. Should you have any questions, please contact us at (262) 359-3500 or visit our [website](#).

Warm regards,

Brett Basley

Principal

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