



Idlewild Science & Technology Optional Schools KK-5

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 Regular Office hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. M- F



Supplies:

Where can I find the 2016-2017 supply lists? 2016-2017 supply lists are available on the school website, Idlewild PTO website and at the school office. You may also order your complete supply list and have delivered to the school and placed in your child’s classroom by going to www.kidzschoolbox.com. **As Idlewild is a community school, all classroom supplies will be community supplies, combined, centrally located and shared by the entire class.** The discipline of sharing, caring for, and cleaning up community-owned supplies creates important opportunities to grow in responsibility, empathy, and problem-solving. It also diminishes the visible distinctions between those who have a great deal of money to spend on materials and those who have little. Please do not label supplies with your child’s name. Any items that cannot be shared with class should be kept at home. Individual classroom teachers may request additional or specific supplies for specific needs, please do not buy unnecessary items.



Uniforms:

What is the uniform policy?

Colors for top: White and Navy – Idlewild logo shirts in navy, white, gray and black may be worn if they are purchased at Idlewild Elementary. Acceptable styles include: Polo or golf-style shirts, Oxford, button-down shirts, turtle-necks and blouses with Peter Pan collars. T-shirts worn underneath shirts must be solid white – no colors or logos. Shirts should be tucked in with a belt.
Colors for Bottoms: Tan, navy or black –Acceptable styles include: shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers or dresses. Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be knee-length. Denim is not allowed to be worn as part of the school uniform.
Outerwear: Cardigans, sweaters, light jackets or vests may be worn; however, they must be SOLID black, gray or navy and free of any logos or designs. Idlewild hoodies in black, gray, and navy are allowed when purchased through Idlewild. Heavy coats may not worn during the school day.
Shoes: Tennis shoes, loafers, shoes with a back strap (no higher than an inch and a half). Shoes with rollers/wheels are prohibited. Uniforms can be ordered on-line from French Toast - 1-800-373-6248 or www.FrenchToast.com



Arrival & Dismissal:

What are school hours? Entry Bell – 8:00 a.m. Tardy Bell – 8:15 a.m. Dismissal – KK-3rd grade= 3:10 p.m. 3rd – 5th grade= 3:15 p.m.
When will campus open each morning? Students will be able to enter the building for breakfast at 7:45 a.m. with regular entry bell at 8:00 a.m. (tardy bell rings at 8:15 a.m.!) Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. must be accompanied by a parent to the office for check-in and tardy slip. Please note: There is NO adult supervision for students dropped off prior to 7:45 a.m.
What time will breakfast be served? 7:45 – 8:05 a.m. Students must be in cafeteria by 8:05 a.m. to take advantage of breakfast. Breakfast is free to all students
Want to make drop-off and pick-up easier? If possible, walk your children to school. If you can’t walk the entire way, park a block or two away and walk with them – it really is faster! When using the drop off lane, pull all the way forward in the drop off zone. Turn off all cell phones and radios. Please, NEVER STOP and let your children out in the middle of the street or exit the car on the driver’s side. SAFETY FIRST☺
What about early check-outs? Please, check-outs after 2:30 p.m. are not allowed. All check-outs must be made through the office. Early checkouts count the same as tardies toward student’s attendance rate.
When will my child be dismissed each afternoon? KK – 3rd @ 3:10 p.m., 4th & 5th @ 3:15 p.m. Dismissal time applies to all students (day care bus riders, day care participants, walkers, car riders, etc.). All students will be dismissed at designated areas by teachers (no pick-ups @ classroom). All students must be picked up and off campus by 3:30 p.m. each day unless enrolled in after-care or an authorized after-school activity. IMPORTANT: There is no supervision for students picked up after 3:30 p.m. each day. Late pick-ups and early check-outs count the same as tardies toward student’s attendance rate.



Breakfast & Lunch:

What time will breakfast be served? 7:45 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. - Students must be in the cafeteria by 8:05 a.m. in order to take advantage of breakfast. Breakfast is free to all students.

What does my child need to bring for lunch?

*All SCS students will automatically receive ONE free breakfast and ONE free lunch every day as part of the Community Eligibility Program. As a result, families do not need to complete a meal application.

*SCS will no longer accept cash or checks in the cafeteria.

*Students MUST pay for individual items (such as snacks, treats and additional lunches). Parents must pre-pay for these purchases online by credit card, debit card or check at mypaymentsplus.com. To pre-pay, you must know your student’s ID number, which can be found on a report card, student schedule, student ID card, transcript, or from the school office or cafeteria.

*Please join your student for lunch anytime – please bring healthy foods! Just remember to check in at the main office first.



Birthday celebrations:

Are birthday cakes, cupcakes or treats allowed? District nutrition policies as well as allergy concerns **do not allow for the distribution of birthday cakes, cupcakes or treats.** If you would like to help your child celebrate their birthday with their classmates, the distribution of a small “treat” bag of pencils, erasers, stickers from any dollar store is acceptable. Birthday “treat bags” will be distributed to students at dismissal.



Leaving Items & Messages for students:

Can I leave messages for my child during the day? To ensure no interruptions to our instructional time, students will not be called from classrooms for messages or to pick up forgotten lunches or items. Emergency messages will be forwarded to an administrator for review and distribution. Please make sure your child has a clear understanding of any dismissal changes and that they have all items needed for the day (lunches, homework, signed permission slips, projects, etc.) prior to the morning drop-off.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

What about parent/teacher conferences or meetings with administrators? The district builds in parent/teacher conference days throughout the school year. Your child’s teacher will provide details on appointment times. Teachers are available for appointments at other times as well, but **these meetings must be scheduled** rather than try to catch the teacher at an unscheduled time or during class time. If you have a concern, always meet with your child’s teacher first. Following that initial step, counselors and administrators are available to meet by appointment. Ask the front office assistants to help you schedule a time to meet with one of our teachers, counselor or principal.



Behavior Concerns

How are behavioral concerns handled? Our Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) is based on progressive discipline. Rewards and consequences are progressive in nature as well. Behavioral concerns are handled by the teacher and parent first. If additional intervention is necessary, progressive discipline is followed per SCS board policy.



Volunteering/Chaperoning

How can I volunteer on campus? We welcome, encourage and appreciate any and all types of volunteer services. All volunteers must complete an on-line volunteer application. We will publish the link as soon as it is available. Our “Volunteer Co-coordinator” is also available to assist with this process.



What’s the best way for families to stay informed?

- Monthly school calendar of activities will be sent home and posted on websites.
- Weekly Tuesday Communication Folder, Weekly Grade Level Email & Newsletter, Parent CONNECT
- Watch our school marquee on Linden Avenue.
- School: www.scsk12.org/schools/idlewild.es/site/index.shtml, PTO website: <http://idlewildpto.org> & Idlewild Facebook page.
- For detailed and additional information please review the 2016-2017 Idlewild Family Handbook that will go home with students the first week of school. Also available on line at school and PTO website.

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Where you belong!

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