



Dear Llewellyn Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We are thrilled to welcome you back into our bright and cheerful hallways for another year filled with learning, friendship, and adventure. I hope this message finds you and your family well and that you've had a restful, rejuvenating summer.

I'm excited to partner with you in supporting the growth and success of every student. At Llewellyn, we are deeply committed to fostering a positive and inclusive environment—one where every child feels seen, valued, and empowered to thrive.

We invite you to help us kick off the year by joining our **Community Care Day** on **Saturday, August 16th, from 9–11 AM**. Together, we'll beautify our school grounds by weeding, pruning shrubs, picking up litter, and spreading mulch around landscaped areas and trees. It's a great way to connect with other families and help make our schoolyard shine! [More information about the event can be found here](#).

Below you'll find important information to help you prepare for the start of the school year:

Upcoming Events at Llewellyn:

Kindergarten Ramp Up: This time provides all Kindergarten students the opportunity for a more personalized start to Llewellyn, with time for them to meet their teacher and attend their first day of school in a smaller group.

Kindergarten Start:

- August 26th & 27th: Small Group & Family Connections (you will receive an email with the date & time)
- August 28th: 1/2 of each Kindergarten class will attend school for full day (last names A-M)
- August 29th: the other 1/2 of each Kindergarten class will attend school for full day (last names N-Z)
- September 2nd: First Full Day of Kindergarten for All Students

CB K-2 Note: *Our CB K–2 class will follow a different Ramp-Up schedule. We will reach out to families directly with details.*

Grades 1-5

- August 26th: First day of school for grades 1-5

Other Important Dates to Remember:

- **Community Care Day**
 - August 16th | 9:00 am - 11:00 pm.
 - Bring your gloves, garden tools, and school spirit to help beautify our campus together!
- **Kindergarten Popsicle Social**
 - Thursday, August 21st | 4:00 - 5:00 pm.
 - Come meet the Kindergarten team, connect with new friends, and enjoy a treat!
- **New Families Llewellyn Tour & Visit**
 - Grades 1-2, August 22 | 10:30-11:00
 - Grades 3-5, August 22 | 11:00-11:30

- **Labor Day Holiday**
 - September 1st | NO SCHOOL
- **Kindergarten Parent Welcome “Tears & Cheers”**
 - September 2nd | 8:10 am (after drop off)
 - Join us by the school garden after drop-off.
- **Open House & Llewellyn Picnic**
 - Thursday, September 25th | 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 - All students and families join us to celebrate the start of the year and get to know your student's classroom!

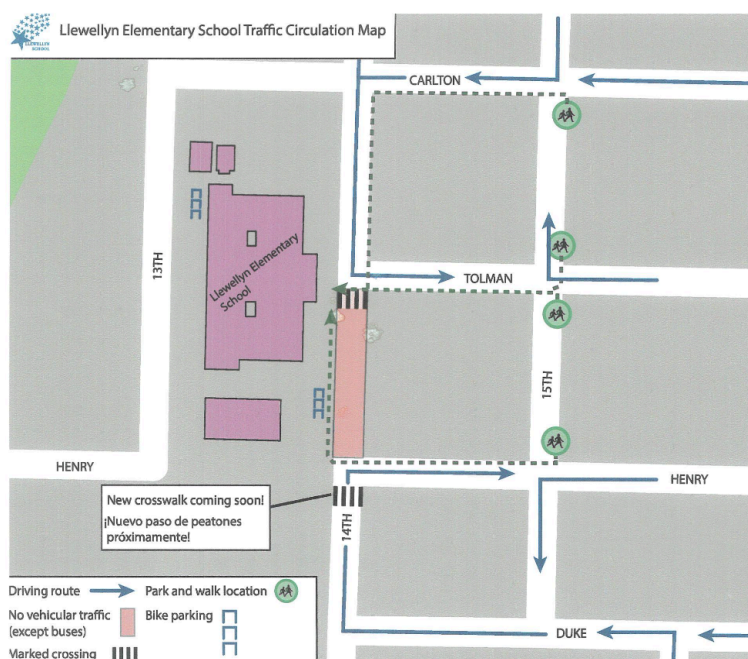
Opening Day Packet:

Your child will bring home an **Opening Day Packet** on their first day of school. Please review all materials and complete the forms that need to be returned.

Student Verification in ParentVue is especially important and must be completed online at:

https://parent-portland.cascadetech.org/portland/PXP2_Login.aspx

- Emergency Contact information must be updated - these are the only adults authorized to pick up your child. Remember, you can revise this information at any time during the school year.
- Be sure to answer the **new technology use agreement** section to complete your verification. New to this year is the user agreement to the [Student and Staff Acceptable Use of District Technology Policy](#) in the special services section. This must be answered for the verification to be processed.



Pick-up & Drop Off:

Students gather on the blacktop playground:

- Kindergarten near the NW garden area
- Grades 1–5 under the covered area
- CB students are met by staff at buses

Arrival Time:

- Students eating breakfast may arrive at **7:40 AM**
- All others should arrive **no earlier than 7:50 AM**
- **Supervision** starts at 7:40 AM

As safety is a priority, please...

- Follow posted traffic flow signage
- Do **not** stop or park in the bus zones
- Ample parking is available on the side streets
- No skateboards, bikes, or scooters on the playground during school hours
- Dogs (except service animals) are **not allowed** on school grounds

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING!

Student & Family Resources:

- **School Lunches** are **Free** this year! 🥳🎉
- Add the [Llewellyn School Calendar](#) to your calendar
- **Family Handbook:** [Llewellyn Handbook](#)
Learn about school policies, communication, transportation, after-school care, volunteering and more.
- **PPS Student Handbook:** [Click here](#)
- **Bus Information** can be [found here](#); more information will be provided soon.
- Interested in after school programs? Sellwood Community House is a great resource. [Find info here!](#)

School Supplies:

See the link on our Llewellyn website: www.pps.net/llewellyn.

Personal Electronic Devices:

All Oregon schools must restrict student use of personal electronic devices during school hours.

This includes:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Tablets

Devices must be **off and put away** during the school day, stored in lockers or backpacks.

Classroom Assignments:

Classroom assignments are available in **ParentVue**. Please be sure your email address is current.

All class assignments are final - thank you for your understanding.

Welcoming New Staff & Honoring Transitions

- Amy Bolitch will be our new School Psychologist
- Mallary Lownsbury will be joining us as our 1.0 SLP
- Taylor Fisher will be joining us as a 0.2 SLP
- Karen Blecha will join our awesome 3-5 Communication Behavior team
- Devin Gallagher will be transitioning from Llewellyn to Park Rose School District.
- Heather McDaid will be stepping into the CB K-2 classroom teacher role alongside our amazing para team. Heather's professional experience as a special educator, her collaborative nature and her ability to support our neurodiverse students will be invaluable through this transition. Our support team will work closely alongside Heather and the CB K-2 team to make this a seamless transition.
- We are in the process of hiring a 1.0 Learning Center teacher. In the meantime, Mr. Gallagher will be stepping into this role until hire someone.
- Our Head Custodian Dave is retiring!! Join me in celebrating him and his fabulous career 🥳🎉. His final day is September 1st. I will be learning about the transition plan soon.

- Our Night Custodian, Raimunda has transitioned to a new location in our district as facilities lost FTE over the summer. We will only have 2 custodians this year- 1 Head Custodian and 1 night Custodian.

Volunteering at Llewellyn!

Want to volunteer? We'd love to have you! A background check is required for all volunteers—it's free and valid for three years. Please allow 2–3 weeks for processing, especially at the beginning of the year.

[Click here for more info and to apply](#)

Come Join the PTA!

The Llewellyn PTA is a wonderful way to build connections, support teachers, and enrich the student experience. Look for info in the Opening Day Packet or contact them at: llewellynpta@gmail.com.

Metro Climate Resilient Schoolyard Grant

This summer, we received the exciting news that the Metro Council awarded us \$579,000 to make our schoolyard climate resilient. This award money will be focused on improving our blacktop area, and we will continue fundraising for our playground equipment and installation this year.

Thank you all for being such an incredible support for our Llewellyn school. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this vibrant and caring community and can't wait to see all your smiling faces back at school soon!

With the Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Diana Collins (aka: Principal Collins)
Principal, Llewellyn Elementary School