

Dear ACCESS @Vestal/Lane families and staff,

Even though school is out for summer recess, we are busy preparing for the new school year and look forward to welcoming returning students, new students and ACCESS Academy to Vestal and Lane. Here is some important information you'll need to know about the school year, including bell schedules, **UPDATED childcare info** and opportunities to meet new community members.

If you have any questions, please email us at pubinfo@pps.net.

Sincerely,
PPS Communications

ACCESS Academy FAQ, July 2, 2018

ACCESS Academy 1-5 @ Vestal, 161 NE 82nd Avenue
ACCESS Academy 6-8 @ Lane, 7200 SE 60th Avenue

Bell Schedules

- The school day at Vestal K-5 is from 8:00 am - 2:15 pm.
 - The ACCESS Academy @ Vestal bell schedule will be 8:20 am -2:35 pm for ACCESS grades 1-5. The staggered start and end times are necessary due to limited bus parking at Vestal.
- The school day at Lane MS is from 9:15 am - 3:45 pm.
 - ACCESS grades 6-8 at Lane MS will have the same bell schedule of 9:15 am - 3:45 pm.
 - The first day of school on August 27 will be Lane 6th graders only. Most Middle Schools have this practice as a way to orient the 6th graders before 7th and 8th graders attend on August 28.
 - ACCESS 6th-8th graders will all attend on August 27 as a way to orient them to the building on the first day.

Transportation

- Districtwide bus routes will be finalized early in August and adjusted as needed.
- District staff and City of Portland staff are working on a solution to keep the ACCESS buses off of the Vestal blacktop. We will have an update later this summer regarding progress.

Childcare

- The YMCA has expanded opportunities for childcare at Vestal for ACCESS students. Their current space has a capacity of 26 and once that is full the Y would need an additional ten families registered to open a second space. Both Vestal and ACCESS families would each have 24 child care spaces available if both spaces are open. To register for Y child care, go to: <https://www.ymcacw.org/after-school-enrichment-registration>
- We have also identified transportation routes for childcare at Hayhurst, Fernwood, Woodlawn and Rose City Park for ACCESS students. We will not have stops times and

route numbers for these stops until August. To register for childcare with Camp Fire at the above locations, go to: <https://campfirecolumbia.org/bas-portland-public-school-sites/>

- To register for child care with Champions at Whitman, go to: <http://www.discoverchampions.com/our-locations/portland/or/001371>
- In addition to registering, please inform the childcare registrar that your student is riding on a bus from another school. Camp Fire: registrar@campfirecolumbia.org; Champions: 800.246.2154.
- Space is limited in programs. Rose City Park is currently full.

Playcourt at Vestal

- The playcourt at Vestal will be used by ACCESS students twice a week for PE classes. ACCESS will also use the gym once a week for PE. Plans are underway for enhancements to the playcourt - more details to come.

Science Classroom at Lane

- The ACCESS science class will be in room 127. It is in the same wing as the ACCESS classes on the first floor at Lane. It has a gooseneck faucet, chemical resistant counters, an eyewash station, and an electrical drop in the middle of the classroom.
- This classroom will be used by the one full-time ACCESS science teacher. The furniture currently used by the ACCESS science teachers at Rose City Park will be moved to Lane.
- We will be updating room 130 for the ACCESS science/math teacher and room 129 for the Lane science/math teacher with an eyewash station installed by this fall and an electrical drop over winter break. Both of these rooms currently have a gooseneck faucet.
- Room 126 was mistakenly identified as a science classroom and will instead be a Language Arts classroom.

Transition Plans

- District staff has been identified to lead the work of facilitating the integration of the ACCESS community with Lane and Vestal. Planning will occur over the summer. More details to come in August.
- IT is working districtwide to update family lists at our schools. We apologize for any emails you may receive that no longer pertain to you during this transition.
- District staff is working on the transition process throughout the summer. A more complete update will be available in August before school starts.