



"Where education is not just preparation for life, but life itself!"

First Day of School: Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

Dear JYK Discovery Charter School Parents & Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at JYK Discovery Charter School! We are excited to open our doors and partner with you for a year of curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and expeditionary learning.

First Day Details (Tuesday, September 8th, 2026)

- **Arrival Entrance: Main Gate opening to all parents and students at 7:45AM**
- **Parents:** Please accompany your child to their teacher who will be lined up past the playground area on the black top (K-3) and on the turf (4-8). Each teacher will be identified by holding a sign up of their grade and section.
- **Dismissal: 3:00** (grades 6-8 at middle school gate) **3:15PM** (k-3 kindergarten door; 4-5 on the turf) (Please have photo ID ready if picking up to show your teacher for grades K-5)

What Students Should Bring on Day One

- Clear **backpack** labeled with your child's name
- School classroom supplies as stated on the school's website
- **Uniform** per school policy

Meals

- **Breakfast and lunch** are available and served at school everyday.
 - **** No breakfast will be served on the first day of school**

Transportation & Safety

- **Parking lot: Vehicles are not allowed on the parking lot** the first day of school.
- **Bus riders:** Make sure your child knows their route and plan accordingly to make sure your school route is not disturbed from Septa line cancellations.
- **Walkers:** Use crosswalks and follow staff guidance at dismissal.
- **Health:** If your child has allergies, medications, or a care plan, please visit the nurse station stationed by the front lobby doors.

Attendance & Communication

- Daily attendance matters. Only for the first day of school, if your child will be absent, please email attendance@dcsschool.com before 9AM.
- **ClassDojo:** One of the school's platforms for teacher–family updates, please join by going to the school's website, scrolling down from the Parents tab onto Info Page or Program & resources tab, and clicking onto the ClassDojo banner.
- **Website & Calendar:** www.jykdiscoverycharterschool.com hosts our calendar, forms, and updates.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Check in with the school at **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, September 17th from 5pm-7pm** to receive a login for your child to view his or her's schedules, grades, and attendance.
- Please complete the [2026-2027 Family Contract](#) if you have not done so already.

Supplies

- Grade-level supply lists are available here: [CLASSROOM SUPPLY LISTS](#). If getting supplies is a hardship, please let us know—we're here to help.

Important September Dates

- **Back-to-School Night: September 17th, 2026, 5pm-7pm**
- **Early Dismissal/PD Days:** [School calendar](#)
- **Afterschool Care will be offered on the first day of school (Tuesday, September 2, 2025).** Beginning Day 2 and for the remainder of the school year, both Morning Care and Aftercare will be available. Please contact Mr. Berry before the first day of school if aftercare at excare@dcsschool.com

How You Can Help Us Start Strong

- Update your **contact information** (phone, email, emergency contacts) in the Parent Portal.
- Review and return **required forms** sent by your child's teacher or the main office.
- Set up a regular **after-school plan** your child can confidently follow and let the teacher know and or the front office.

We are honored to partner with you this year. Thank you for trusting us with your child's education—and for everything you do at home to support learning and growth. If you have questions, please contact the **Main Office at 215-879-8182** or discoverycharter@dcsschool.com.

With appreciation,

The JYK Discovery Charter School Administration