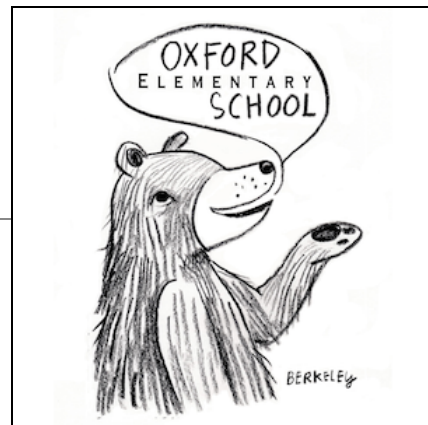


# Oxford School FAQ



## When does school start?

The first day will be Tuesday, August 30. School starts at 8:00 am. Please note: yard supervision begins at 7:50 am.

## What time does school end?

- Kindergarten ends at 1:20 pm every day.
- 1st – 3rd grades end at 2:05 pm M/T/Th/F and at 1:15 pm on Wednesdays.
- 4th – 5th grades end at 2:10 pm on M/T/Th/F and at 1:20 pm on Wednesdays.

Supervision on the playground ends at 2:20 pm M/T/Th/F and 1:30 pm on Wednesdays. If students are not picked up by then, they will be waiting in the office for pick-up.

## When do we find out our teacher for the year?

Classes will be posted on Monday, August 29 on the breezeway doors at 6:00 pm. We will also send out class lists via the [Oxford Google Group](#) mailing list and/or post them on the website at that same time, using first name and initial.

## What does my child need to bring to school on the first day of school?

Kids should bring a backpack to school everyday throughout the school year. Have them bring a lunch if they are not getting the school lunch. Be sure to label your child's personal items. You would be amazed at how quickly the Lost & Found fills up! (Clothing appeared during summer!)

## How does school lunch work?

Students can always bring their own lunch. At this time, school lunches can be purchased for \$3.50 and milk for \$0.60. We ask **all** families to submit the Lunch Application form in the beginning of the school year. The number of forms submitted makes a difference in funding and certain programs at every school. If your child qualified for free lunch last year, a new form still needs to be submitted for 2016–17. You can also fill in a lunch application on line at [ezmealapp.com](http://ezmealapp.com). If you complete the form online, you do NOT need to complete a paper copy.

## What do I do about my child taking the bus?

If you want to sign up your child to take the bus to school, please contact the BUSD Transportation Department directly at (510) 644-6182. The bus drop-off and pick-up zone at school is on Walnut Street, so please do not park in designated areas. There is always a staff member at the bus zone during drop-off and pick-up. Kindergarten students are walked directly to the bus by one of the kindergarten teachers.

## Can I visit the playground before school starts on August 30?

Sure! There isn't any staff supervising so you're responsible for yourself and your kids. Checking out the playground is a good way to help your kid get to know the school. Teachers will be busy the week prior to school starting, so we ask families to enjoy the playground and **not** enter the building.

## What does the PTA do? And what does PTA stand for anyway?

The PTA is the Parent Teacher Association and is the primary fundraising group for the school. This year's co-presidents are Betsy Maisel and Aida Garcia-Pons. They can be reached at [rabbittm2@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbittm2@yahoo.com) and [aidagpons@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aidagpons@yahoo.co.uk), respectively (and soon, they will be up and running again at [pta@oxfordelementary.org](mailto:pta@oxfordelementary.org)).

## **Where can I find out more information about the school?**

Our website ([oxfordelementary.org](http://oxfordelementary.org)) has all kinds of information. We're also on Facebook ([facebook.com/oxfordelementary](https://facebook.com/oxfordelementary)) and Twitter ([@OxfordElem](https://twitter.com/OxfordElem)). Be sure to sign up for the Oxford email list too; the latest subscribe information is at [oxfordelementary.org](http://oxfordelementary.org) at the bottom of the sidebar under "Mailing List."

## **How do I find out about the school's holidays and events?**

That's easy! It's on Oxford's [Google Calendar](#). You can view the [calendar](#) on our website and even subscribe to it via your personal Google calendar so that you always see what's going on.

## **How do I find out what is happening at the school and/or communicate with the teacher?**

Every child will have a Thursday folder that will contain a school bulletin and important information. The folder goes home on Thursdays and comes back to school on Fridays. If you want to talk to your child's teacher, send them an email, leave a message in the office, or put a note in the Thursday folder. Some teachers don't mind pop-ins but please be aware that before-school time is sacred for preparing for the day, so they are very busy in the mornings.

## **What do I do if my child is absent?**

Please call the school office at (510) 644-6300, and leave a message on the day of the absence. If you forget to do this, you may get an automated call from BUSD regarding your child's absence. If you aren't able to call, a note is also acceptable for clearing absences. Just give the note to Ms. Deanna Woods in the office.

## **What if my child arrives late and/or leaves early?**

If your child arrives late to school, he/she must first check in at the office and get a tardy slip before going to class. We need a note regarding the reason for the late arrival. If your child needs to leave school early, please stop by the office and sign them out in the binder. Please **do not** go to the classroom. We will call the classroom for your child to come and meet you in the office.

## **What if I want to visit the school and/or the classroom?**

Classroom visits should be arranged with the teacher. Most teachers invite parent/guardian volunteers to help in the classroom after the first two weeks of school. School visits should be arranged with the principal. All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge. This helps us to know who is on campus for security purposes.

## **What are community meetings and when is the first one?**

About twice a month we hold a community meeting of the whole school in the cafeteria. Sometimes there are performances, sometimes there's information, and it's always a good way to get to know the school. The first community meeting will be September 9. Everyone is welcome to join community meetings.

## **How do I find out about the on-site after school program, Berkeley LEARNS?**

Contact Aaron Grayson at (510) 644-8883. You can also stop by his office, located in the cafeteria between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. Registration for the new school year will be Tuesday, August 23 (8:30 am – 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm) and Thursday, August 25 (8:30 am – 1:00 pm).

## **When is Back-to-School Night?**

All BUSD elementary school Back-to-School Nights are on Thursday, September 8. Start and end times will be in the first Oxford Newsletter.