

August 2025

TIME FOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A new school year is soon approaching. My name is Kelly Ehlers and I will be your child's K4 teacher in the fall. I'm looking forward to my 32nd year at Whittier School teaching your child. I'm sure we will all have a rewarding and successful school year.

The first day of school for K4 students will vary depending on your child's last name (noted below). On your child's scheduled first day of school, he/she will come to school with a parent(s) or a family representative at 7:35 a.m. for an Orientation. The Orientation will be held in our Library and will last until approximately 9:30 AM. It's important for all K4's to be present at their scheduled Orientation Day to retain his/her seat. (Please call Whittier at (414) 294-1400 if you no longer want your child to attend the K4 program at Whittier.) When the Orientation is over parents will leave and their K4 child will remain at school for the entire day.

Your child will be dismissed at 2:15 at the East Exit (doors at the very back of school) on the first day and every day thereafter. Normal school hours are 7:35 AM – 2:15 PM. Each morning, I will also meet the students on the playground at their designated line at the East Exit, (back entrance) at 7:35 AM.

Please see the schedule below to determine your child's first day of school:

- **Tuesday, September 2nd** - K4 students whose last name begins with **A thru G** attend school. (Student's whose last name starts with **H - Q** and **R - Z** stay home.)
- **Wed., September 3rd** - K4 students whose last name begins with **H thru Q** attend school. (Student's whose last name begins with **A - G** and **R - Z** stay home.)
- **Thursday, September 4th** - K4 students whose last name begins with **R thru Z** attend school. (Students whose last name begins with **A - G** and **H - Q** stay home.)
- **Friday, September 5th** - **ALL K4 students attend school.**

To better prepare your child for the K4 Program it would be beneficial to work on some academic basics over the summer. Please work with your child on identifying his/her name, identifying colors, and exposing your child to basic shapes, numbers, and letters. Reading together is a fun way to learn these skills. All children need to be potty trained before entering K4. (We do understand that accidents happen.)

I look forward to meeting each of you and working with your child. Remember to join us for our Open House/Meet and Greet on Wednesday, August 27th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. It's a great way to get acquainted with other families, meet your child's teacher, and bring in your school supplies! We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kelly Ehlers
K4 Teacher

Over for supply list →



Whittier Elementary School

4382 S. 3rd Street

Milwaukee, WI 53207

(414) 294-1400 Fax: (414) 294-1415

Attendance Line: (414) 294-1460

School email: 398@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

website: <https://schools.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/whittier/>



School Hours: 7:35 to 2:20 (K4 are dismissed at 2:15 PM)

Lunch: 11:00 to 12:00

School Phone: (414) 294-1400

Attendance Line: (414) 294-1460 - Please call by 8:00 AM if your child will be Absent/Tardy from school)

School Communications:

- **Opt in to receive School/District Text Messages ASAP:**
Type 67587 – In the message send Y or Yes
Text Messages are sent frequently by our School Leader and are a vital part of school communication to parents.
- Join Whittier Community Facebook – Go to Facebook and Search Whittier and Click Join
- Visit our school website to find supply lists, Parent Bulletins, Reminders and school information at:
<https://schools.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/whittier/>

Entry and Dismissal

- There is no before or after school supervision on the playground. Students should not arrive to school before 7:30 AM.
- Parents can use the "Drop and Go" in the morning in front of the building and have your child go to the playground. Pull up as far as you can in the Drop and Go line. **DO NOT STOP YOUR ENGINE AND/OR GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.**
- **Entry Bell – 7:35 AM** – Students should be in their designated line on the playground at 7:35 AM. Teachers will pick up students at 7:35 AM
- K4 thru 2nd graders enter & dismiss thru East Doors (Back of building)
K4 thru 2nd Graders will be dismissed to a parent at dismissal time.
- 3rd thru 5th graders enter & dismiss thru South Doors (South side of building)
3rd thru 5th grade parents can pick-up at South Doors or have their child meet them at their designated parking spot or use the "Get and Go" in the front of school beginning at 2:20 PM
- No Parking in front of school, across from school, in alley or in back parking lot.
- No students will be allowed to wait in the office if not picked up on time. In the event your child is not picked up on time; he/she will be directed to wait outside the front doors – unsupervised.
- **Travel only North bound on 3rd Street between Bottsford & Martin Lane during Drop-off and Pick-up times.**
- Respect our Crossing Guards and be courteous to our neighbors. Do not block driveways.