

Welcome New Families!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Adaire Elementary School community for the 2023-2024 school year. We know you are new to our school community and there may be a few key items that will help with your family's transition at Adaire. Please reach out at any time directly to an Adaire point of contact, should you need additional support throughout the year. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you will join us on a date that is TBD for the [Back to School Garden Party](#).

Adaire Points of Contact

- **Principal:** Anna Jenkins, ajenkins@philasd.org or 215- 400-7840
- **Secretary:** Marybeth Sgrillo msgrillo@philasd.org or 215- 400- 7480
- **School Counselor:** Justin Frangipani jfrangipani@philasd.org
- **School Advisory Council (parents):**
 - Kristen Coe AdaireSchoolAdvisoryCouncil@gmail.com
 - Carey Rhodes careyquinton@gmail.com/ 215-776-2416 (text or call)
- **Friends of Adaire (parents):**
 - Lindsay Estes Li esteslb@gmail.com or the full Friends of Adaire Board at FriendsofAdaire@gmail.com

Back To School Readiness Checklist

- Sign up for the [Parent Portal](#).** You will need your child's student ID. You can contact the main office (215-400-7480 or msgrillo@philasd.org), if you need it. This is where you can locate information about your student's schedule/teacher, grades, set communication preferences, etc.
- [Supply list](#).** Scroll down for your student's grade. Bring supplies on the first day of school labeled with your student's name.
- Uniforms.** Students should wear blue (navy, royal, or light blue) collared shirts with khaki or navy bottoms daily. Students may wear navy blue sweatpants/shorts/shirts on the designated physical education day if they wish. Starting in October, Fridays are designated as a dress down day, but participation requires a \$2 fee (\$1 for half days) that goes toward Adaire activities.

Uniforms are regularly available at uniform upcycle/swaps as well as available in the main office when you're ready to size up. No need to exchange a garment in order to take a garment. Other retailers like Target, Children's Place, Old Navy, and Amazon carry our basic uniforms colors.

- [School calendar](#).** Mark your calendars for holidays, early dismissals, conferences, etc. **The first day of school is TBD.** Students meet in the school yard and line up by grade and homeroom teacher (Classrooms are marked in yellow paint). Students should be in the school yard by 8:25am. The first bell rings at 8:28am ([bell schedule](#)). Students have a full day starting the first week of school and are dismissed daily at 3:09 pm in the school yard

(Exception: Kindergarten has ½ days the first week (they will eat lunch at school) and is normally dismissed daily at 3:04pm). On rainy days, students go directly inside either the gym (K-2) or auditorium (3rd and up)

- Breakfast and lunch** are provided free to students. Students may also choose to bring a packed lunch from home. Students will need their Student ID # to receive school lunch. Food menus are shared each month and linked in e-news as well. Students eat lunch at school even on early dismissal days.
- K interviews** (*Kindergarten Parents only*) Your student's teacher will contact you to set up an appointment for the first week of school. Teachers return to the building on **TBD** and will contact parents that week. You should bring your student to the interview.
- Sign- up for [weekly e-news](#)**. This email comes out every Sunday, and is a preview of the week ahead happenings. There is a lot of important information communicated in the e-news including updates on in-school activities and initiatives as well as fundraisers and parent activities.
- Download the [Remind App](#)**. Teachers will often use this as a classroom communication tool. You can also [join](#) the Adaire School Community Facebook Group.
- Submit all [health forms](#)** to Nurse Amy Dougherty ammdougherty@philasd.org or send in your student's folder the first week of school.
- Review the [Health and Safety Updates for 2022-2023](#)**(will be updated once SDP updates) including the masking requirements for the first 10 days of school.
- Review additional [policies and handbook](#)**. There is helpful information about the school year included (note: some links require requesting access).
- Request a family mentor/buddy**. Complete this [Google Form](#) and a member of the SAC will reach out.

We are so happy you've chosen to join our Adaire school community. We wish you a year of learning and growing together with us! No question is too big or too small, so reach out and ask! If you're looking to get involved with the school happenings, consider joining our School Advisory Council (SAC) or the Friends of Adaire (FoA).

Sincerely,

Your fellow Adaire parents/caregivers (Carey, Kristen & Lindsay)