

July 27, 2026

Silbernagel Elementary School Families,

The staff is excited to welcome students and families to Silbernagel Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year! For our new students, we know that starting school is a huge milestone, and it can be a big change for you and your children, but our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible. To our returning students and families, we are excited to welcome you back so we can continue to build a strong foundation for your child.

To ensure our Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are comfortable, the district has scheduled a transition day on August 12th. We will spend time building relationships, practicing routines and procedures, learning the building, and celebrating the start of a new school year. We are committed to creating a positive and safe learning environment in which ALL students are learning at high levels every day. We look forward to working with you and your child this year and hope this letter will answer some of your back-to-school questions. It is vital that we partner together to ensure success for all our students. Please see the information below for highlights of back-to-school.

Silbernagel Elementary School Mission and Vision:

Our Mission: The mission of Silbernagel Elementary is to ensure all students end each year reading and calculating on or above grade-level, prepared to accomplish any dream they have for themselves.

Our Vision: At Silbernagel Elementary, we envision a school where every child builds a strong academic foundation by the end of 3rd grade—confident readers, capable mathematicians, and courageous dreamers—ready to thrive in school and in life. We believe every student has the potential to achieve greatness, and we are committed to nurturing that potential every day.

Our Schoolwide Goals:

- **Engagement:** Lessons will maintain high levels of student engagement by incorporating frequent student discourse and writing in all content areas.
- **Feedback:** Teachers will provide students with frequent, specific, and timely feedback throughout lessons in all content areas.
- **Data Tracking/Intervention:** Teachers will build and maintain a data tracker that identifies specific areas of deficiency by student, along with a plan for intervention to close those gaps and assess the effectiveness of the intervention.

Targets:

- Earn an overall average of 90 or higher on our Accountability Rating from TEA
- 60% of 3rd graders will earn a STAAR Math and Reading proficiency level of Meets Grade Level or higher
- The campus will have 95% attendance or higher for each 6-week reporting period.

Registration Information

For complete information on the following registration topics, please visit the [DISD Back-to-School Website](#).

- **New to DISD Students**
 - Please follow the new student enrollment directions on the [DISD Enrollment Website](#).
 - [Pre-K Information](#)
 - [Kindergarten Information](#)
 - [Grades 1-3 Information](#)
 - Complete all the pre-registration steps and collect all necessary documents listed on the DISD Enrollment website.
 - Attend the in-person Centralized Registration at Kranz Junior High **Aug 4 (10 AM - 6 PM)**. Each campus will have a table set up to help parents get their students enrolled.
- **Returning DISD Students:**
 - Registration window: Until August 5
 - Make sure you have completed online registration for each child in DISD; this must be completed each year. Here are the [instructions for registering your child](#).
 - A proof of residency is required; you may either upload your proof of residency or bring it to the front office of the school.
 - The due date for online registration is August 5th. ***This must be completed before your student will receive a class schedule and bus transportation.***

Back-to-School Packet

- Please see the back-to-school packet for additional information on school supply lists, dress code, vaccine requirements, and the district calendar.

***Homeroom lists will be posted on front doors of the main entrance on the morning of August 10th. Students who have not yet completed registration by this time will not have a homeroom teacher listed.**

Beginning of Year Events

August 10th: Meet the Teacher

- All students and parents are invited to drop in for our come-and-go School Supply Drop Off/Meet the Teacher event from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

August 12th: Transition Day: Pre-K/Kinder Students Only

- Doors will open at 8:00 a.m.
- Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classrooms if they choose.
- Breakfast is available at no cost to students in the cafe.
- Students will report to their homeroom teacher's classroom upon arrival. Around 8:30, teachers will take their classes to the cafeteria for breakfast. Homeroom lists will be posted on Skyward; additionally, staff members will have homeroom lists in the hallways and will help direct students.
- All students should be in homeroom classes by 8:30 a.m.
- If you did not attend the Supply Drop Off on Aug. 10th, your student should bring all school supplies to the homeroom teacher on the transition day.
- School will dismiss at 4:00 p.m.

August 13th: First Official Day of School: All Students

- Doors will open at 8:00 a.m.
- Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classrooms if they choose.
- Class starts at 8:30 AM
- School will dismiss at 4:00 p.m.

August 14th: Regular Day

- Last chance for parents to walk students to their classrooms.

Sept 3: Elementary School Open House:

- Save the date! We have our elementary school open house September 4th from 5:00-6:30. This will be an opportunity for you to visit with all of your child's teachers and see what your child has been learning at school. More details will be shared as the date approaches.

Arrival & Dismissal

Office Hours

- 8:00 AM-4:15 PM Monday – Friday

Arrival

- 8:00 – Students enter the building.
 - **Doors open for students to enter at 8:00 am. Please do not drop off your student before 8:00. No one is on duty until 8:00 to monitor students.**
 - A parent/guardian must accompany their student to the lobby when arriving after 8:30.
- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria and **free for all students.**
- 8:30 – Car rider doors close. Students are tardy after 8:30.
- **Please do not park in the back parking lot and walk your student to the front.**

Dismissal

- **Students may not be picked up from the front lobby after 3:40.**
- When needing to check out a student, parents will complete the sign out sheet.
- Only parents/guardians or emergency contacts listed on Skyward can sign students out. A valid photo ID is necessary when checking out your student (no exceptions).
- The office staff will not make phone calls to parents to request permission for another individual to sign your child out.
- Emergency situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Students will remain in the classroom until the parent is present in the front lobby.
- For safety purposes, there is **NOT** a "Walk-up" dismissal option. Students will only be released as bus riders, car riders and walkers. Parents should remain in cars. *(Please note: The car rider line can be long and the wait can be lengthy, we will not be able to make exceptions to the "NO WALK-UP" policy for late appointments or scheduling.)*
- **Car Riders** – Cars must have a car tag (school provided only). If you do not have a car rider tag, you will need to park your car, come into the front office and show a valid ID. The office will issue a temporary car tag at that time. **You will need to get back in the car rider line to pick up your student.**
- **Walkers** – A staff member will walk students across Kansas Ave. (street located along the back of the building). **Parents/guardians must present a walker sign (school provided only) with their student's name to the staff member every day in order for their student to be released (no exceptions).** If the parent does not have the walker sign, the student will return to school with our staff member. The parent/guardian or emergency contact will need to come to school, present proper identification in order for their student to be released. Students must be documented as a walker in Skyward.
- **Bus Riders** – DISD offers bus transportation to all students in the district. This is a wonderful option to avoid the significant delays of the car rider line.

Car Rider Line

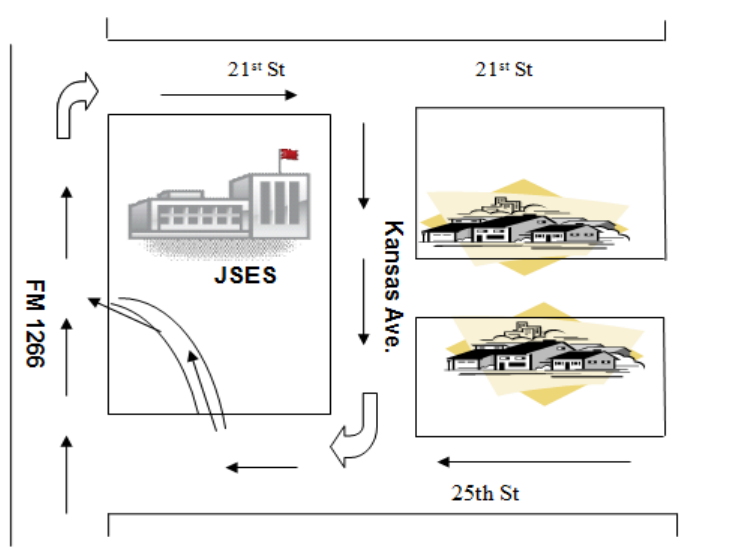
Arrival: When dropping your child off in the morning, please form one line and drop your child(ren) off in the lane closest to the building. Please do not drop your child off in the left lane. Our staff members will direct you as to when to stop to drop off your child(ren) in the driveway. They will motion for you to pull up as far into the driveway as you can before allowing your child(ren) to exit your vehicle. Please watch for their signal to move up into the driveway. Our school day begins at 8:30am. Our school staff is not on duty until 8:00 am. **Parents may NOT drop off students at campus before the doors open to receive students at 8:00 am.**

Dismissal: When picking your child(ren) up in the afternoon, the line will start on 25th Street, entering the line off of Kansas Street (**Do not enter the driveway off of FM 1266, continue on to 21st Street, see map below**). Please pull up as far as you can in the driveway before stopping to let your child into your vehicle. You will need to display your child's car tag on your windshield. This will allow us to load more cars and keep the traffic flow moving.

Car Rider Tags: Car rider tags are required to pick up your child in the car rider line. To obtain a car rider tag, please visit the front office prior to the first day of school. Tags will be displayed in windows to tell the staff which child(ren) will ride in each car. Car rider tags can also be obtained during Meet the Teacher on August 10th.

If you try to pick up your child without a car rider tag, you will need to enter the building to receive a temporary car tag after your ID has been verified at the front office. After receiving your temporary car tag, you will need to get back in the car rider line. When you approach our personnel calling names you will give your temporary car tag to him/her. Your child's name will then be called to be released to you. This is not to inconvenience you, but to ensure the safety of your child. We ask for your understanding in this request.

Traffic Flow: Please follow the flow of traffic as indicated by the diagram. Please do not turn left off of 25th street into the school driveway as this slows traffic traveling east on 25th street.



Transportation Changes/Emergency Contacts

- **If you need to change your child(ren) mode of transportation:**
- 1. **One time change** – Please send a note to your child's teacher or a fax sent to the front office. **(Changes may not be done over the phone, message to a teacher, or email).**
- 2. **Permanent change** - the parent/guardian will need to come to the school and complete paperwork for permanent change of transportation.

Bus Information

- If you have not requested bus transportation by August 5th your student will not have a bus route until August 24. You will need to make alternate transportation arrangements until a bus route is assigned.
- Existing bus stops can be found on [Infofinder](#)

Food Services

- Free & Reduced Meal applications are available online. You can use any computer, smartphone or device with internet access to complete the application.
- Lunch Money Now (LMN)-parents can set up a reminder through LMN and receive a text and email to alert you that your student's balance is low or has reached a preset dollar amount.
- District Meal Charge Policy: Parents are responsible for all meal charges for their children. Dickinson ISD will collect on all unpaid meal charges. Parents must pay all charges before the end of the school year or before withdrawing students.
- **Visitors are not allowed for breakfast.**
- **Reservations will continue this year for lunch. We will begin taking reservations on September 7, 2025.**
 - Reservations for the week will open each Monday morning. Reservations will be first come, first served, and no more than two people per family will be permitted.
 - Any parent/visitor during lunch must be registered as an authorized contact for the student. If the visitor is not listed in Skyward Family Access as a contact or authorized lunch visitor, he or she will not be allowed to enter the campus.
 - Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for lunch once per week.
 - Parents may bring outside food for their student. **Please do not bring outside food items for friends and/or relatives.**
 - **While on campus, parents/visitors may only interact with their own child at the designated table.** Parents/visitors must leave campus at the conclusion of their child's lunch period.

Lunch Times

Grade	Teacher	Arrival Time		Grade	Teacher	Arrival Time
PK	Foley	12:00		1	Kent	10:50
PK	Shelley	12:00		1	Burch	10:50
PK	Hilfer	12:05		1	Pacheco	10:55
PK	Gomez	12:05		1	Vargas	10:55
PK	Solorzano Wright	12:10		1	Burnam	11:00
PK	Barba	12:10		1	Lee, Y.	11:00
				1	Flores	11:10
K	Wright	11:05		1	Blest	11:10
K	Bergeron	11:05				
K	Tobias	11:25		2	Gamarra	12:20
K	Leyva	11:25		2	Darilek/Kleckner	11:40
K	Hartman	11:30		2	Phillips/Canright	11:45
K	Vazquez	11:30		2	Santos/Martinez	12:15
K	Verstrate	11:35		2	Ceja/Lee, E.	12:50
K	Ortiz	11:35				
				3	Carr/Villaloboz	12:35
				3	Burr/Mozie	12:40
				3	Lara/Morales	12:45
				3	Ceja/Lee, E.	12:50

Note: Life Skills students will receive communication from their teacher regarding their lunch time.

Deliveries of the following items are accepted during school hours:

- Lunch items by parent/guardian
- Birthday cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cakes, donuts, etc. All food items must be purchased from a store/bakery. **Homemade food items are not accepted.**
- Backpacks, folders, school supplies, etc.

Please make sure your student has all necessary items to have a successful day before leaving home in the morning.

The following items are not accepted during school hours:

- Balloons, flowers, stuffed animals, party bags of candy and/or toys.

Student Illness:

Students are expected to self-screen at home for symptoms prior to arriving at school. A student feeling ill or with a fever of 100 degrees or higher must stay at home. Please do not give student(s) medication and send them to school.

Communication

Communication between parents and school is important. Any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the campus. Our campus number is 281-229-6800. Our front office hours are 8:00-4:15. Calls after 4:15 will need to leave a message. Please feel free to contact any staff member through email. Check our website or Facebook page for current information and reminders.

Communication Apps:

- Parent Square: Administrators and teachers will communicate with parents on this app.
- Email and phone calls will be used occasionally to send reminders of school events.

I hope this email gives you all necessary information to start the year. If you have questions or need clarification, please contact us any time. We are here to help! Our teaching staff returns next week to prepare for our best and most purposeful year yet; we are so excited to have your children learn at Silbernagel this year! Our staff is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment in which our students can be successful. We are looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Brendan Fitzpatrick

Principal