



Dear GCDS Family,

The faculty of Gainesville Country Day School is looking forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year! Below are a few important things to make note of as we get ready for the school year:

Open House will be Monday, August 12th

K, 1, and 2 9am-10am

3, 4, and 5 10am-11am

Wednesday, August 14th will be the first day of school.

Early Risers begins at 7:30am

School begins at 8:15am

School dismissals are staggered as follows

- K/1st - 2:25
- 2nd/3rd - 2:35
- 4th/5th - 2:30

After School is open until 5:30

All required forms for the school year will be available at Open House. These include emergency cards, field trip permission, media release, and all forms that are necessary for driving on field trips. This year, most communication will be sent electronically. Please make sure to clearly mark your current email address on all forms at Open House.

This year, we will be implementing an electronic payment system for billing (tuition, fees, lunch bunch, after school, etc.)! More information is attached to this letter. Activity/technology/supply fees will be billed through this system. The kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade fee is \$500. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade fee is \$550. This fee covers all supplies your student will need for the entire school year including paper, pencils, art supplies, notebooks, binders, consumable textbooks and workbooks, as well as all in town field trips, a GCDS t-shirt, etc. It will not be necessary for you to buy anything (but a backpack and lunchbox) before school starts and each child will have the same supplies. Please be aware that the first tuition payments are due on September 1, 2019.

Staff will be in the office each morning until school starts. Please give us a call if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year! Have a safe and fun remainder of the summer. We will see you August 12th.

GCDS Administration



Electronic Payment System

This year, we will be using Brightwheel for all billing (tuition, fees, lunch bunch, after school, clubs, etc.). This is a system we have used at our Early Childhood Enrichment Center for the past year and it has proven to be very convenient for families and the school alike.

With Brightwheel, you will receive your tuition bill 7 days prior to its due date. The due date for payment will remain the 1st of the month. You have the option to pay once prompted, or you can opt for an automated payment plan. The automated payment plan would be customized to your contracted tuition amount and payment option (1, 2, 9, or 12 payments).

Brightwheel Setup: We want to make this as easy as possible for you! You will receive an email prompting you to set up your Brightwheel preferences. You can choose between manual or automated payments and credit card or bank draft payments. We encourage bank draft payments, if possible, due to the processing fees charged for credit card payments. Tuition amounts will already be prorated to your specific contracted payment plan. Fees will be billed via Brightwheel independent of tuition. Lunch Bunch will be billed via Brightwheel at the end of each month.

You should receive your first email from Brightwheel by Monday, August 12th as we will be using it for the activity/supply/technology fees this year. All September 1 tuition payments will be billed via this system (unless you have already paid). If you have any questions regarding Brightwheel, please direct them to gcdsinfo@gmail.com. Again, we hope this is a welcomed and helpful change for you all!