# September 2022

8:15 AM - School Begins  
2:45 PM - School Ends  
School Office Opens at 9:00 AM

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| 29        |           | **First Day for Students K-8**  
**Back to School**  
Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:45AM | 30 | Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:45AM  
440 School Selection Town Hall, 5-6pm | 31 | Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:45AM  
K-2 PBIS Assembly  
3-4 PBIS Assembly | 1 | Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:45AM  
5-6 PBIS Assembly  
Virtual School Selection Town Hall, 12-1pm | 2 | Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:45AM  
7-8 PBIS Assembly |
| 3 | |               | 4 | Fire Drill this week!  
**Happy Labor Day** | 5 | School Closed for Labor Day  
8th Grade Homerooms School Selection Town Hall (Ms. Ritzlock) | 6 | 7th Grade Homerooms School Selection Town Hall (Ms. Ritzlock) |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | Parent Chat and Chew with Principal Brown  
9:30am-10:15am RSVP | 10 | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | National Video Game Day  
National Video Game Day | 14 | **Back to School Night 4PM-6PM** |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | National Dot Day: Wear Dots and be entered to win a gift card.  
School Closed for Students  
School Selection Process Opens | 18 | Lock Down Drill this week |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | Donuts with Dad RSVP 9:30-10:15  
International Day of Peace | 22 | First Day of Fall |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | School Closed for Rosh Hashanah  
Claire’s Gourmet Fundraiser Begins | 27 | Muffins with Mom 9:30-10:15 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | |

**Attendance Matters….Strive For 95!**  
I am committed to coming daily for the month of September to participate in a reward!
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings from Thomas K. Finletter! We would like to welcome our students and families back to school. We have a few reminders and updates that we would like you to be aware of:

**School begins promptly at 8:15 AM.** Please ensure that every effort is made to have your child at school on time. Excessively absent or late students may also be excluded from activities and events at school. As a reminder, the school building does not open until 8:15 AM daily (unless students in grades 3-8 are eating breakfast). This is when adequate supervision of students is available. Please do not send students to school prior to this time.

**School ends at 2:45 PM.** Please ensure that you arrive promptly to pick your child up on time.

**School Selection - School selection opens September 16 and closes November 4!! Reach out to Ms. Ritzlock, our counselor, with any and all questions (mritzlock@philasd.org).**

**September Attendance Incentive** - All students coming to school every day on time and without early dismissals will be invited to attend an outdoor dance party! Please ensure that you are sending your student to school on time and prepared to do his/her best!

**Finletter Fundamentals**

Finletter Fundamentals are qualities that represent Finletter’s highest priorities and driving forces. These traits will keep us focused on achieving our ultimate goal - increasing student outcomes for all.

- Be Kind
- Be Safe
- Be a Learner
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

**Back to School Night**

Back to School Night will be an in-person event this year. It will take place on September 14 from 4pm-6pm.

**Cell phones, smart watches and other electronics are not permitted** in school. NOTE: IF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS CONFISCATED DURING A CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IT WILL NOT BE RETURNED. (SEE SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT).

**Uniforms**

The School District of Philadelphia requires that all students wear a uniform to school each day. Hoods are not permitted to be worn in the school. Finletter’s uniform colors are as follows:

- **Grades K-6**
  - Hunter green top and black or khaki bottoms
  - Sneakers or school-appropriate shoes. No open toed sandals, slides, wheelies, or other shoes that can potentially be a safety concern for students.

- **Grades 7-8**
  - Maroon/burgundy top and black or khaki bottoms
  - Sneakers or school-appropriate shoes. No open toed sandals, slides, wheelies, or other shoes that can potentially be a safety concern for students.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

Respectfully,
April Brown, Principal
Lauren Harrow, Assistant Principal