



# OAK GROVE LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY

## Most Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. What time does the normal school day begin and end?** All classes begin at 8:25 a.m. Grades K-1 dismiss at 2:55 p.m. and grades 2-5 dismiss at 3:05 p.m.
- 2. How early may students be brought to school and where can they be dropped off?**

Students may be dropped off between 7:50 a.m.–8:25 a.m. at the gym door. Please enter the parking lot through the south side and exit through the north side of the parking lot. There will be staff supervising students in the gym until 8:15 a.m., at which time they will be released to their classrooms. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. need to check in at the front office where a parent must sign them in. All doors except the main reception area door will be locked during school hours for the safety of our students.
- 3. How does the shuttle work?** The shuttle brings students from various locations of Fargo, West Fargo and Moorhead to the elementary gym by 8:10 a.m. At the end of the day, students riding the shuttle will have a designated area to meet and be dismissed as a group to board their shuttle. The shuttles leaving the south campus depart at 3:15 p.m. Students are shuttled between campuses in the a.m. and p.m.
- 4. How late may the students stay after school?**

Students may be picked up from the gym between 2:55 p.m.–3:20 p.m. PreK pick-up is at 2:45 p.m., Grades K-1 pick up is at 2:55 p.m. and grades 2-5 pick-up is at 3:05 p.m. After 3:20 p.m., the students may be picked up at the main reception area at door 1W. If you have students in multiple grades, plan for the later pick-up time. Students are to be picked up by 3:30 p.m. If your student needs before or after school care, contact the YMCA for our on-site childcare program. Contact Elizabeth Haas at [elizabeth.haas@ymcacassclay.org](mailto:elizabeth.haas@ymcacassclay.org) or call 218-359-2314.
- 5. How does the lunch program work?** An elementary student lunch costs \$3.00. Parents may write a check or pay cash for any amount to their child's lunch account at any time and drop it off at the elementary office. To charge your credit card, go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Parents are always welcome to join their child for lunch. An adult lunch costs \$4.00. Parents may pay at the front desk or use money from their child's account. Salad Bar is included with lunches.
- 6. How can I contact my student/student's teacher during the day?**

During the school day, you may contact your student's teacher via email. You may also call the school's front desk at 701-893-3073 where you can leave a message, be forwarded to voicemail, or speak to the teacher, if it is during their prep time.

## **7. How can I purchase Oak Grove clothing/Grover Gear?**

The elementary school has a school store where items may be purchased from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each school day. Gently used uniforms and Grover Gear may be purchased for \$2 each. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the front desk. The north campus has a school store in junior and adult sizes. Individuals can also have the Oak Grove logo embroidered on clothing, locally at Scheels or order already embroidered items at Land's End. There are several opportunities to purchase Grove Gear through online stores or sales events during the school year. Grover Gear may be worn on Fridays at the elementary.

## **8. What is considered school uniform?**

The Oak Grove School uniform policy is adhered to grades PreK-5, Monday thru Thursday. Items of clothing considered to fall under the uniform policy include a solid colored white, navy blue, maroon, or "old" gold shirt with a collar. The uniform also includes solid colored sweaters or sweatshirts in the same aforementioned colors with a collared shirt underneath. The uniform also includes solid colored tan, navy blue or black pants and skirts or jumpers. No leggings are to be worn unless worn under a dress or skirt. On Fridays, the students may wear unadorned blue jeans, plain sweatpants and/or Grover Gear items.

## **9. Are there volunteer opportunities to help either at the elementary school or in my child's classroom?**

We welcome any and all volunteers! If you would like to help with basic school related jobs contact the front desk (701-893-3073). If you would like to help out in your child's classroom contact the teacher. Teachers sincerely appreciate the extra pair of hands. The Oak Grove Parent Organization is also a great way to fill some of the school's needs. The parent organization has meetings once a month.

## **10. What sort of activities does Oak Grove offer that my child will/can be involved in?**

### **Class Service Projects**

- PreK collects coins to purchase livestock through Compassion International.
- Kindergarten collects coins and pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House, rings Salvation Army bells, and paints Bowls for Babies for the March of Dimes.
- Grade 1 makes cards for Veterans.
- Grade 2 makes fleece blankets for hospitalized children.
- Grade 3 collects donations/participate in the "Cystic Fibrosis Walk" to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.
- Grade 4 assembles Operation Christmas Child boxes. They are also in charge of the school's paper recycling program.
- Grade 5 collects donations/participate in Fill the Dome, providing food for the local food pantry.

### **Sports**

- Boys/Girls Grover Youth Basketball Association (GYBA) – Grades 3-5
- Boys/Girls Basketball – Grade 5
- Volleyball – Grade 5
- Football – FM Athletics – Grades 4&5
- Boys/Girls Hockey – Fargo Angels Hockey – Grades 4&5 ([fargoangelshockey.org](http://fargoangelshockey.org))
- Summer Camps
  - Boys/Girls Basketball – Grades K-5
  - Volleyball – Grades 4&5

**Arts & Language**

- Piano Lessons are offered for students in first grade and older, before school, after school, or during music class once per week.
- Grover Choir Squad and Hand Chimes – Grades 4&5
- Band – Grade 5
- Theatre Arts
- Spanish, beginner and advanced classes – Grades 4&5

**Activities & Clubs**

- Boy Scouts
- Girls Scouts
- Lego Club
- Yearbook
- Camp Invention-Summer program
- Sylvan Learning Center – STEM classes

**Just a few of the Parent Engagement Opportunities**

- Fall Carnival
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Trunk or Treat-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten Farewell
- Gearing up for Kindergarten
- Oak Grove Parent Organization
- Spring Gala
- Book Fair
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Classroom volunteering
- Kitchen volunteering