It's back to school time at CFAY
FAQs for parents with school-aged children

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This is a photo of the courtyard on Nile C. Kinnick High School grounds. Kinnick High School students are to report to Benny Decker Theater for an opening day assembly. After which, they will receive their schedules. When instructed, Kinnick students will proceed to their first period class. For all other schools reporting places, see 'Where do my kids go the first day of school' in the fequently asked questions on this page.
Photo courtesy of Nile C. Kinnick High School

Yes, it's that time of year again. Children and parents alike approach that first day of school with a mix of excitement and anxiety. The start of a new school year is an opportunity to start over with a clean slate. For some, it is not only just a new grade, but an entirely new school in an entirely new country. Below is some information to assist you with start of school questions you may have. As always, contact your child's school or the school liaison officer at 243-2588 or email ruth.russell@fe.navy.mil for information and assistance as you and your child prepare for a successful school year.

When is the first day of school?

Monday, Aug. 27 is the first day for grades 1-12. The Sullivans and Ikego kindergarten students assigned to a K/1 class will also start this day. Tuesday, Sept. 4, all other kindergarten students will start.

Where do my kids go the first day of school?

The Sullivans Elementary students report to the front courtyard. Teachers will have signs with their names posted to assist students in finding their classes.

Ikego Elementary students will also report to the front of the school where teachers will have signs posted with their names.

Byrd Elementary students report to the multi-purpose room to join their classes.

Yokosuka Middle School students report to the multi-purpose room where they will look for their grade level signs. They will be informed of their team assignments and given their schedules. When instructed, students will proceed to their first period class.

Kinnick High School students are to report to Benny Decker Theater for an opening day assembly after which they will receive their schedules. When instructed, students will proceed to their first period class.

When are the schools holding Open House?

Open House is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about what your child is learning and what classroom procedures and expectations are. Following are dates for Open House at the CFAY complex schools:

Ikego Elementary, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 3-4 p.m.

The Sullivans Elementary, Wednesday Sept. 12, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Yoksouka Middle School, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 4-6:30 p.m.

Kinnick High School, Thursday Sept. 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Byrd Elementary, Tuesday Sept. 18, 5-6 p.m.

How much does the school lunch cost?

Full price: Elementary $2.40, Middle/High $2.55, Reduced price for all grades is 40 cents.

How do I pay for school lunches?

Parents wishing to have their child purchase a school lunch need to sign up for a lunch account at the NEX cashier window. You will receive a PIN for your child to use at school when they purchase lunch. Don't worry, the kids will get help with the PINs at school, and before you know it they will have it down. Parents interested in the free and federal reduced lunch program may pick up and submit an application at the base check out desk in the Community Readiness Center on the 4th Floor. High school students may order a school lunch on the school sharepoint website and pick up their lunch in the Sbarro's party room during their open campus lunch period.

How do I find out what bus my child is on?

The DoDEA Transportation Office can assist you with this information as well as the bus passes students will need. They are located in room 216B in building B39A next to the CPO Club. Phone 243-9566.

What are the hours of school?

The Sullivans Elementary students should not arrive before 7:15 a.m., start bell rings at 7:25 a.m., tardy bell rings at 7:30 a.m., dismissal bell rings at 2 p.m., (Kindergarten is released at 1:55 p.m.)

Ikego Elementary students should not arrive before 7:45 a.m., start bell rings at 7:55 a.m., tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m., dismissal bell rings at 2:30 p.m.

Byrd Elementary students should not arrive before 7:35 a.m., start bell rings at 7:45 a.m., tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m., dismissal bell rings at 2:20 p.m.

Yokosuka Middle School start bell rings at 7:15 a.m. and tardy bell rings at 7:25 a.m., dismissal bell rings at 2:10 p.m.

Kinnick High School start bell rings at 7:15 a.m. and tardy bell rings at 7:25, dismissal bell rings at 2:20 p.m.

While kids might be excited to get back to school, it is important that parents do not send children to school grounds too early as there will be no adult supervision.

Where can I get a supply list?

Go to www.pac.dodea.edu
Click on "school supplies" under parent resource section.

Any special information for kindergarten parents?

Kindergarten teachers will conduct home visits the week of Aug. 27. Expect to be contacted to set up a meeting time. Yes, the "Navy Lodge" may be your home visit location. Sullivans will hold a special kindergarten orientation meeting for parents only on Aug. 27 at 8 a.m. The Sullivans will also have a special kindergarten class sneak peek on Aug. 31. Teachers will inform parents of their class sneak peek times.

Parents or a care provider should escort kindergarten students to school each morning.

You can access the, "Parent's Guide to Kindergarten Instruction" at http://www.dodea.edu/pubs/docs/parentguide_gk.pdf

What is the contact information if I have questions?

The Sullivans School 243-7336
Ikego Elementary 246-8320
Byrd Elementary 242-4815
Kinnick High 243-7392
Yokosuka Middle 243-5165
School Liaison Officer 243-2588