



John Moffet Families:

HAPPY New School Year!

If you are new to our Moffet family, *welcome & thank you* for selecting our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on August 25th. The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and possibility; 2025-2026 is no exception! With a talented staff and a supportive community, our students are poised to have another great year at Moffet Elementary. We strive to infuse positive learning experiences for our students every single day. Our goal is to provide a phenomenal environment in which all Moffet scholars can flourish, achieve academic excellence, become emotionally and physically stronger, while growing their talents. At Moffet, we are in the business of developing **awesome humans**.

I will be reviewing 2024-25 data as well as sharing our new school goals for the 2025-2026 school year in more detail during our **Welcome Back Informational, scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025 at - 5:00 pm**. I ask **ALL** families to join us to walk in the shoes of their children, meet our staff and build community. I am so looking forward to this year together. Below, I've included some info that will help us have a **Great First Day!**

**The first day of school for the 2025-2026 school year is August 25, 2025 for grades K through 5th
(Kinder students will have a 12:00 dismissal August 25- 29, 2025)**

**As a reminder, we must have all required paperwork in order for your child to enroll.*

School hours:

School gates open every day at 7:45 am with school starting officially at 8:15 am. The school day ends at 2:54pm. No students will be allowed in the building before 7:45 am. Also, the main office will be open to parents at 8:15 am with the exception of pre-scheduled meetings.

Breakfast:

Breakfast is still provided to every student. Breakfast will take place BEFORE instructional hours from 7:45 am to 8:10 am. Students will enter through the side gate on Howard street for morning breakfast. Breakfast service will stop at 8:10 am with no exceptions. Students are not permitted on the playground without adult supervision before 8:00 am.

Arrival:

- **Grades PreK-5** will start their day in the schoolyard for admissions.
- **Bus Riders** and students in our AS Program will enter the building through the side gate facing Howard street.

★ *All students should be in their correct locations by 8:10 am, to join their teachers for admissions promptly at 8:15am.*

Moffet Staff will be present and visible to escort or direct students to their assigned admission location. Please see admission and dismissal policy in the student handbook for more details. Student handbooks are available on our website. A copy will also be sent home the first week of school.

At John Moffet Elementary School, classrooms are joyful with students thinking critically in order to be college and career ready as lifelong learners. We will celebrate diversity to ensure that ALL students optimize their full potential in a safe and nurturing environment.

Growing Smarter and Stronger Together



Dismissal:

- Students attending an afterschool program will be escorted to their assigned location by a member of the afterschool program.
- Please communicate our dismissal procedures to your child's After School Programs if it is an outside agency.
- Grades K-5 will dismiss in the schoolyard. Please meet your scholar in the area marked with their classroom number.

Attendance Matters!

Attendance matters for doing well in school starting in Kindergarten. Absences can add up before you know it! As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regular attendance. If you are facing any challenges, seek out support from the school and community. We are here to help. Your children can suffer academically if they miss more than 16 school days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it. When students are in school, we can ensure they are learning. **At Moffet we want every student to attend school 90% of the time which means a student cannot be absent more than 18 times in the school year. "Less Than Eighteen You're on Green". Please, Please, Please, send in an absence note upon return. Please include the absence note in your scholar's homework folder so the teacher can send it to the main office.**

Uniforms:

Here are details about the required school uniform and where you can purchase the items. Our tops are White, Gray, or Red, and our bottoms are Blue or Gray. Please call Ms. Millie Velez-Ardon, School Secretary, at 215-400-7930 or email mvelezardon@philasd.org if you have further questions concerning uniforms. Here is a link to order swag (<https://john-moffet.spiritsale.com/index.html>).

Classroom Assignments

Your child's class assignment will be posted online by **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**. Visit moffet.philasd.org. Click on your child's grade then look for his/her name to find the teacher's name and classroom.

Grade Supply List:

Supply list will be provided to all students on the first day of school. Sample supply lists can also be found **on our school website**.

All of us at John Moffet look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, August 25 and working with our families/community to support high-level learning. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Here's to a GREAT year!

In Service,
Rodney Johnson
PRINCIPAL