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### How do I schedule a parent-teacher conference?

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled through PTCFast.com. Conferences are typically held the first Wednesday in the following months: December, February and April. Your teacher will give you specific details for sign-up at Curriculum Night. You may also arrange a conference directly with your child's teacher at any time if you have any comments/concerns you would like to discuss with them.

# What's the best way to communicate with my child's teacher on an ongoing basis?

This really depends on the teacher. Most teachers prefer email but each individual teacher will let you know their communication preference at the beginning of the school year.

# How do I pick up my child up from school?

If your child is a "walker" (i.e., a student who is not assigned to a school bus): Kindergarten walkers must be picked up outside the cafeteria doors Walkers from grades 1-5 are released at the 2:30 dismissal to walk to the upper hill to meet parents by the tennis courts. If your child normally rides the school bus, but you want to pick them up that day from school, please email the teacher and the main office at prsattendance@hinghamschools.org to inform them of this change for that day.

# Can my child go home with a friend on a different bus with my permission?

Children from all grades can only ride the bus they are assigned to and are not allowed to ride other busses per transportation. This applies to coming to school and going home from school.

# Does my child eat lunch at school on early-release days?

No lunch is served on early release days.

# How do I pay for my Child's Lunch? Can Kindergarteners buy lunch?

Hingham Public Schools use an online system to add credit to your child's lunch account that carries over from year to year. You can access this by going to schoolcafe.com. More detailed information, including menus, is located on Hingham Public Schools Food Services website. All students including Kindergartners are allowed to buy lunch at any time.



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#### What if my child has food allergies?

PRS is allergy friendly. Recently revised policies have done away with allergy classrooms in favor of all classrooms being nut-free at morning snack and having some allergy free tables in the cafeteria. In addition, all PRS teachers and paraprofessionals are trained to administer Epi-Pens should the need arise. Nurse Whiting does the training with staff every year to give every adult a refresher and our new staff the knowledge to administer the Epi-Pen if needed. Parents of children with food or environmental allergies should contact Mrs. Whiting prior to the beginning of the school year to go over their child specific allergies and individual allergy plan.

# What is the best way to learn about what is going on at PRS?

There are many good ways that this can happen: 1. The principal's newsletter that goes home weekly every Friday afternoon / Saturday morning. 2. The Weekly Wizard which is the PTO newsletter emailed every Sunday. 3. Checking the PRS PTO website at www.prspto.org. 4. Following PRS on Facebook or Instagram.

# How do I get involved at Plymouth River?

The PTO is a fun and very active crew at PRS. You can choose any level of participation based on your schedule, from the highly involved leadership or volunteering at one-off special events. Meetings are generally the second Wednesday of every month in the PRS cafeteria unless otherwise noted and EVERYONE is welcome to the meeting. For more information about meetings and volunteer opportunities, visit the PTO website: www.prspto.org.

# What is Voyagers? How do I sign up?

Voyagers is our after-school enrichment program that offers a variety of fun and interesting classes: sports, nature, crafts, chess, drama, etc. in the fall, winter and spring. Classes take place from 2:40-3:40, typically at PRS (depending on the class). Some classes fill up quickly, so watch for registration information in your child's backpack or the Weekly Wizard. Voyagers is fun for students, and is also a fundraiser for the PTO.