

Tips and Tricks for Surviving Your First-Week at Mabry

A Quick-Reference Guide for New Families

Morning Drop-Off

- **Campus Opens for Students at 7:30 am:** Parents may walk their students to the classroom or drop off in carline *beginning at 7:30 am*. **NOTE:** the school is NOT open for children before 7:30, early drop-off arrangements can be made through the HOST program. More information about HOST is under “Items to Know”.
- **Classroom Drop-Off:** Mabry’s campus is open from 7:30-7:55 am. Many families park in designated, legal spaces, and walk their children to class.
- **Morning Car Drop-Off:** Families can drop-off students in one of two carlines – both are staffed by Mabry faculty and student patrols: Front of School (off of Estrella Street) or Back of School (Cafeteria, entrance on Neptune). Please refer to map in student assignment packet for proper directional flow of traffic.
- **Mabry Morning Show:** The school day starts with announcements on the Mabry Morning Show at 7:55. It is a live broadcast from the Media Center hosted by students. Students typically have an opportunity to be on the Morning Show at least 1x per year.
- **Students must be on campus and in class by 8:00 am:** If a student arrives after 8:00 am, he/she is considered tardy and must sign in at the front office.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- **Dismissal Times:** School dismisses at 1:15 pm every Monday and 2:15 pm Tuesday-Friday.
- **Student Pick-Up:**
 - **Car Line Pick-Up:** Parents pick up through the carline in the back circle off of Neptune Street. Obtain a car tag at school to write your child’s name; the line begins AT THE SIGN on Neptune Street and wraps west around Manhattan Street. Students are dismissed by grade level. Please see “Car Line Dismissal Procedures” for the correct time to arrive for your grade level.
 - **Car Line Leader** – *if you see a car with this marking, they won the bidding for this privilege at our annual Mabry Auction. This person is allowed to enter the car-line coming west on Neptune, please allow them in.*
 - **Parent Walk-Up:** Please park IN DESIGNATED, LEGAL parking spaces on Estrella. “Walk-Up” waiting area is in the courtyard in front of school. Once your grade is called, you may enter campus and go to the grade designated classrooms to pick up your child.
 - **Walkers:** Student must have parent permission to walk home as a designated walker. Walkers may be dismissed from the front or back of the school.
 - **Bus Riders:** Information regarding bus transportation is available at school.
 - **Day Care/Van Riders:** Teachers will escort students for pick-up by after-care programs.

Meals at Mabry

- **Free Breakfast Available to Students:** All K-5 students are eligible for a free breakfast, available in the cafeteria beginning at 7:30 am. Students use their Student ID number to obtain breakfast.
- **Purchasing Lunch at School:** Many meal options are available for students to purchase. NOTE: cash is not used in the cafeteria. Pre-pay for lunches online, view the school menu and

you can see what your child has purchased daily – a link is available on the Mabry PTA website, www.mabrypta.org

- **Student Lunch Money Account Linked to Student ID Number:** Students simply use their Student ID number when purchasing lunch at school – no card or cash is used during the school day. Parents may put funds in a student’s lunch account by paying online (www.mypaymentsplus.com) or via check at school.
- **Bring Lunch from Home:** Students may bring lunch from home.
- **Parent Volunteers at Lunch Time:** Parents and other visitors are not permitted to join students for lunch at school. However, parents are welcome – and encouraged – to volunteer in the Mabry cafeteria during lunchtime. Look for sign-up as school begins, via the Mabry Minute and on our PTA website.

Important Items to Know

- **Mabry PTA Website:** All important dates and information will be disseminated at the website. Book mark it and make it a regular site to visit. WWW.MABRYPTA.ORG
- **“Mabry Minute” is packed with critical information:** The “Mabry Minute” is a weekly email newsletter – packed with information for families. Sign-up through the directory.
- **Mabry PTA is on Facebook:** The official “Mabry Elementary PTA” Facebook page posts important, real-time updates – “like” the official Mabry page today!
- **School Uniform and Friday Spirit Days:** School uniform guidelines are posted on the Mabry website (red, navy or white collared shirt, khaki or navy skirt, pants or shorts—no denim). On “Spirit” Fridays, students may wear a Mabry Shirt OR their uniform collared shirts. Mabry spirit t-shirts may be purchased through the school’s spirit shop – called the “Dolphin Depot.”
- **Dolphin Depot:** Mabry’s spirit shop – the Dolphin Depot –is open at major school events (ie, in the cafeteria on Meet the Teacher Day). Items may also be purchased by viewing them on the Mabry website and purchasing online.
- **HOST—Morning and After-School Care:** Both morning and after-school care is available on-site for Mabry students via the HOST program. A link to more information is available on the Mabry website. HOST SITE: <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/101>
- **Dads’ Club:** A group of Mabry dads that organizes various events during the year. Contact Nelson Bosque for more information: mabrydadsclub@gmail.com
- **Mabry PTA Wants YOU!** There are many ways to be involved at Mabry – whether for one hour, one day or the year. Look for more information in your FIRST DAY PACKETS about your Mabry PTA!

Look for ‘First Day Packet!’

- **Important Information Sent Home on First Day of School:** A packet of information from the school and district will sent home with your student on the first day of school. This includes more detailed information on many items outlined in this document.
- **Continue to Visit the Mabry Website: Best PLACE for ALL** Information is found via the Mabry website: www.mabrypta.org

Welcome to Mabry Elementary School!