



Welcome to Percy Priest Elementary 2025-2026!

Dear Families,

Welcome to Percy Priest Elementary! We hope this short guide will give you helpful information about the year ahead for your student at PPE. There is a tremendous amount of information available at the school's PTO website that is pertinent to ALL students. Visit us at [www.percypriest.org](http://www.percypriest.org) for even more details and sign up for the PTO newsletter for the latest news.

This year will be packed with fun for your kids and we welcome your questions and feedback. The PTO looks forward to supporting you and your child and we would love to have your volunteer support at school in small or large ways. Come join us!

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## **Tiger Terms**

### **Friday Folders**

Folders are sent home each Friday, filled with your child's work from the week and announcements about happenings around PPE. They are to be returned empty each Monday. Be sure to check your child's folder after school on Friday because teachers occasionally send home time-sensitive information.

### **INVEST**

This is the PTO's primary fundraising effort. PPE families are encouraged to contribute \$375 per student. This funding is vital to pay for additional staff including Tiger Time Interventionists, Spanish, Physical Education, and counseling services who support all of our students, teachers, and staff. The INVEST campaign also supports the needs of our classroom and related arts teachers (Art, Health, Library, Music, PE, and Spanish). If you have questions about INVEST please contact the chairs at [InvestPPE@gmail.com](mailto:InvestPPE@gmail.com).

### **Mascot**

Percy the Tiger is our school mascot.

### **Houses & House Meetings**

Percy Priest utilizes a "house system" for grades Pre-K-5. This system provides every student with the opportunity to be a part of a team / community within the larger school population. In grades Pre-K-3, each homeroom is assigned to a house. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, students participate in a ceremony at the beginning of the year where each student is invited to join a house. Students will remain in their house groups for their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade years.

Throughout the school year students will participate in activities, challenges, and events associated with their houses. At the end of each month, students will participate in school-wide assemblies called House Meetings. These events will include student recognition, house activities, and presentations and speakers.

The 5 houses are listed below. Each house has a designated color and character trait. On house spirit days and house meeting days, students are invited to dress in their house color.

Altruismo – House of Givers. Color: Black

Amistad – House of Friendship. Color: Red

Sollevare – House of Uplifting. Color: Yellow

Isibindi – House of Courage. Color: Green

Reveur – House of Dreamers. Color: Blue

### **Navigator Weeks**

At the end of each quarter students will participate in a Navigator Week. This week provides opportunities for us to build connections and elevate student voice. During these weeks students will:

- Complete an individual check-in with their homeroom teacher or another staff member assigned as their class navigator.
- Develop global-mindedness through participation in cultural learning and community service projects.

### **Orange Totes**

All Pre-K and Kindergarteners use the same Orange Totes in lieu of backpacks. The PTO provides these totes at no cost and they will be available for pick up at Kindergarten Readiness Camp, All School Sneak-a-Peak, or in the front office on the first day of school.

They can be monogrammed with your child's name but are otherwise uniform. Details about monogramming will be sent separately should you choose to do so.

### **School Clubs**

There are several after school clubs offering throughout the year. These clubs are run by teachers and staff from different grade, as well as approved outside providers. Fees apply and topics vary. Details and registration forms will be sent home in Friday Folders and the PTO Newsletter. Information will also be available on the PPE Website in August. Clubs will not meet until after Labor Day.

### **School Meals**

Students are welcome to eat breakfast at school daily.

Students are welcome to bring lunch from home or enjoy lunch from the Cafeteria. Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students at the Cafeteria this year. Students who bring lunch from home can purchase milk for \$0.50. Cash is not accepted. You may add money using the My School Bucks App or at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

For school menus click [here](#).

To sign up to visit at lunch click [here](#).

## **School Supply List**

All grade level supply lists can be found [here](#). If you have purchased items through our 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies fundraiser, they will be shipped to the school the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> and delivered to the classroom.

## **Snacks**

Students will have a snack during the school day. More information about what to send will be sent by your child's classroom teacher.

## **Standard School Attire**

PPE follows Metro Nashville Public School District's policy pertaining to standard school attire. More information is available on the website for our school's specific requirements are located [here](#).

PPE "spirit wear" will be available for purchase from the Roar Store throughout the school year. "Spirit" shirts may be worn any day of the week. "Spirit" athletic shorts/skorts may only be worn on Fridays.

## **Tiger Transportation**

All children arrive and depart from school as either bus riders, car riders, or walkers.

On the first day, many PPE families choose to walk their children to the school's front entrance. Parking is encouraged on Priest Road and Wilshire Drive and it gets crowded! During the first week of school, all methods of transportation tend to be slower than normal – please plan accordingly.

### **Bus Riders**

If you live more than 1 ¼ mile from school, you should receive information from the MNPS Transportation Department that details your child's bus route number and pick-up and drop-off times and locations. This information can also be accessed at the MNPS website ([www.MNPS.org](http://www.MNPS.org)) under Our Schools/Buses and Transportation. Other information regarding the opening of schools is also available on this website. Buses will arrive 15 minutes prior to school start time. Specific bus questions can be found in the [MNPS Transportation](#) document. If you are a bus rider, please review the [MNPS Policy](#) on bus conduct, rules, and safety. The Remind App also helps families keep up with their bus. To join, send a text message to 81010. The content of the message should be as follows:

For Route 1 Pink Bus (#2401) Please text @ppebus1	For Route 2 Orange Bus (#2403) Please text @ppebus2
For Route 3 Blue Bus (#2404) Please text @ppebus3	For Route 4 Purple Bus (#2410) Please text @ppebus4
For Route 5 Yellow Bus (#2409) Please text @ppebus5	For Route 6 Red Bus (#2406) Please text @ppebus6

## **Walkers**

Students are eligible to be walkers if they live in the school zone and are close enough to walk to school. The preferred method of dismissal for all non-bus riders is the car rider line. Walkers are limited to those students who are walking from their home to school and from school to their home.

### **Walker Drop Off Protocol**

Walkers may enter through the front door on Priest Road only. Please watch for bus and car traffic and walk on the sidewalks. Parking on Wilshire/other neighboring streets is not permitted.

### **Walker Pick Up Protocol**

Walkers will be dismissed from the front porch on Priest Road only. Please watch for bus and car traffic and walk on the sidewalks. Parking on Wilshire/other neighboring streets is not permitted.

## Pre-K Drop Off Protocol

Pre-K students will enter the loop from Otter Creek. Pre-K cars will line up in the inside (right) lane stopping at the Tiger Paws.

Follow the inside (right) lane to the Tiger Paws at the end of the building and turn right. Drive past the Pre-K playground and turn left into the Pre-K dropoff zone located behind the playground. Put your car in park and walk your Pre-K student to the back door of the classroom in the Pre-K dropoff zone. A member of the Pre-K team will check-in the student and bring them into the building.

Families with a Pre-K student and older siblings will drop off all students at the Pre-K dropoff zone. K-5 students will enter the building through the backdoor of the Pre-K classrooms and continue on to their classroom.

After dropping off, cars will turn around and turn right to rejoin the rest of the dropoff line. Please exit by turning left on Priest Road.



## Pre-K Pick Up Protocol

Pre-K will dismiss in the back loop. At 1:45pm, the back gate will be unlocked for Pre-K cars only. Please have your Pre-K dash placard visible. Pre-K cars will enter the loop from Otter Creek in the inside (right) lane stopping at the Tiger Paws by the fire hydrant and the retaining wall. Please put your car in park and walk to the Pre-K door to pick up your student. Students will be signed out. After loading, cars will continue around the loop and exit by turning LEFT on Priest Road.



## **Car Riders**

Car Rider Numbers will be distributed to new families at the All School Sneak-a-Peak and Popsicle Party on Monday August 4, 2025. They can also be picked up on the first day of school or from the front office at a later date. Returning families will continue to use the same number. Please work with your child to learn his or her Car Rider Number before school starts or even consider writing it on their tote bag/tag.

Teachers, Staff, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassadors will be available to help students find their classrooms. PTO volunteers are assigned to help parents navigate the traffic configuration. Please be patient and follow the safety rules – NO CELL PHONE USE during arrival or dismissal per Tennessee State Law and the safety of our children.

## Car Rider Drop Off Protocol

All cars will enter the loop from Otter Creek. K-5 cars will stay in the left (outside) lane and drive up to the Tiger Paws at the fire hydrant by the retaining wall. The right (inside) lane is reserved for Pre-K drop off and bus traffic. Once stopped, car riders will exit on the passenger side of the vehicle and go immediately to the sidewalk. Cars will proceed through the loop and exit by turning LEFT on Priest Road. Right turns on Priest Road are not permitted in the K-5 lane during drop off. Lane changes after drop off are not permitted.



## Car Rider Pick Up Protocol

K-5 cars will enter the loop from Otter Creek in two lanes. Please stop at the closed gate. The gate will open at 2:30pm and cars will pull up in two lanes stopping at the Tiger Paws at fire hydrant by the retaining wall. Please put your car in park and wait for students to be dismissed to your car. You will be able to exit your car at this point to let your child know where you are in line. Teachers and staff will then dismiss children to cars by turning a STOP sign to GO or SLOW. Once loaded and signaled to move, cars will continue around the loop and exit to Priest Road. The left lane MUST TURN LEFT onto Priest Road. The right lane MUST TURN RIGHT onto Priest Road.



## Tiger Club

### Tiger Club Drop Off Protocol

Tiger Club students will enter from the front loop on Priest Road by Wilshire Road. Cars will park in designated area near the marquee and across from the marquee. Parents and caretakers will walk their student into the cafeteria and sign in with a Tiger Club staff member. Cars will then exit back out onto Priest Road and turn right. Tiger Club students must be dropped off no later than 7:30am.



## **Tiger Club Pick Up Protocol**

Tiger Club students will go to their designated area in the building for Tiger Club dismissal. Tiger Club dismissal will be from the cafeteria. Tiger Club staff will send out additional information and procedures for pick up.



## **Tiger Events**

These dates and events are subject to change. Please see the [PPE PTO Calendar](#) for dates and times of all events. The MNPS District Calendar is available [here](#).

### **Before School Begins**

#### **Kindergarten Readiness Camp:**

- A “sneak-a-peak” at a kindergarten day with two PPE kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Patterson. Children will be immersed in readiness activities through children’s literature, songs, and games. Kids will tour the school, playground, and kindergarten classrooms. [Register here!](#)

#### **All School Sneak-a-Peek and Popsicle Party:**

Snap a picture with our school mascot, Percy the Tiger, then head on to your child’s classroom to meet their teacher. Feel free to bring your school supplies and if you ordered from 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies, your order will already be in your child’s classroom. Meet back up at the front entrance to enjoy popsicles while socializing with other PPE families. The PTO will be there to handout Pre-K and Kindergarten orange totes and the Roar Store will be open so you can stock up on PPE gear.

### **Fall and Winter Events**

#### **Open House**

#### **Invest Fundraiser**

#### **Fall Community Event at PPE**

#### **Tiger Cup Golf Tournament Fundraiser**

#### **Percy’s Vintage Closet**

#### **Songwriters’ Night**

#### **Walk to School Day**

#### **Prospective Family Open House**

#### **Trunk or Treat**

#### **Kindergarten Harvest Carnival**

#### **Class Harvest Parties**

#### **Book Fair**

#### **GrandFriends Day**

**Science Night**

**Fine Arts Night**

**Kindergarten Gingerbread Party**

## **Spring Events**

**100<sup>th</sup> Day of School**

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Used Book Sale**

**Talent Show**

**Valentine's Day Party**

**Read-A-Thon**

**Percy's Readying Party**

**Spring Auction**

**Field Day**

**Spring Event Community Event/Tiger Dash**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony**