When is the first day of school for DCPS? Students return on Thursday, August 20, 2020 in person at Alimacani or virtually, if registered for Duval HomeRoom.

How and when will orientation take place? All orientations will occur virtually. Watch for dates and times to be announced.

Will there be a meet and greet time for dropping off supplies? There will be a drive through opportunity to drop-off of supplies and to wave and say hello to the teacher. Students will receive their back to school packets, car tags, and their DCPS-issued face shield or mask during the drive-thru meet and greet. Duval HomeRoom students will have the same opportunity to drive through to meet the teacher and to receive curriculum materials. Dates, times and location will be announced.

Is DCPS providing facial coverings for students? The best way to slow the transmission of COVID-19 in a school setting is to require all staff and students to wear face coverings throughout the day. Pre-K, VPK, Kindergarten, first and second grade students will be issued a clear plastic face shield, which may be used in addition to or instead of a cloth face covering. Students in grades 3-5 will be issued a face mask. Students with disabilities or medical conditions that prevent a face covering may also use a clear plastic shield or another reasonable accommodation. Face coverings will not be required in P.E., recess, or music classes.

Will parents be able to enter the building on the first day of school to walk students to classes? Based on guidance from DCPS and for the health and safety of all, only students and DCPS employees will be able to enter the school building. Safety patrols and teachers will greet students at the entry points and assist them in going directly to the classrooms on the first day.

Will parents or other community members be able to visit and/or volunteer inside the school? At this time, parents and community members will not be able to come inside the school. We love our volunteers and will look forward to the time when it is safe for them to come back!

Will students be temperature-checked upon arrival at the school each day? All students will be screened with a temperature check before they enter the building each day. This includes Extended Day, walkers, car riders, and bus students.
Arrival and Breakfast

Important Note: The safety, security, and health of our children, teachers, and staff is our highest priority at Alimacani Elementary School. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are making changes to our protocols for the safety, security, and health of all. Please read the following information very carefully. We appreciate your help in upholding these procedures each day for arrival of your children. Thank you for your cooperation and we are looking forward to a great school year!

**Will students have their temperatures checked when they arrive at school?**

Morning arrival will have a few very important changes for this school year. All students will receive a screening temperature check upon arrival at the school. This includes all Pre-K through 5th graders without exception. Parents, you can help us with this process by doing a quick health and temperature screening at home each morning. If your child is not feeling well or has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, please keep him or her at home. Any students with a school arrival temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be returned to the care of their parents.

**All students should wear their facial coverings upon arrival at the school property.**

**Will morning arrival be the same this year for students?**

**Extended Day Program**

Arrival location will remain the same for our Extended Day Program. From 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m., parents of Extended Day students will drive to the back of the school via the Auto Lane. Each student will exit their car, have a temperature screening, and enter the building through the back door of the multi-purpose room.

**ToTs, Patrols, and WAES**

Arrival location will be different for ToTs, Patrols, and WAES. Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. via the Auto Lane at the back of the school. They will receive a temperature screening before entering the school at the back doors by the Art Suite. If ToTs, Patrols, or WAES students are walkers, or bike riders, they will follow the school walkways to enter the school at the back doors by the Art Suite.
Car Riders
Arrival location will be the same for car riding students. Between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 a.m., parents of students K-5 will follow the Auto Lane to the back of the school. K-5 students will be assisted by patrols as they exit their cars. They will receive a temperature screening before entering the school at the back doors by the Art Suite.

VPK Car Riders
Arrival location will be the same for VPK car students. Between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 a.m., parents of VPK students will follow the Auto Lane to the back of the school. Cars will pull all the way forward to the multi-purpose room doors. Students will be met at the door by VPK personnel. Students will receive temperature screenings.

Bus Riders
Arrival on campus will be the same for bus students. Parents will need to pre-register their students for DCPS bus transportation through the FOCUS account. See the DCPS web page for directions to register for bus transportation. Bus students will need to wear facial coverings on the bus. Buses will arrive at Alimacani between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Bus students will receive a temperature screening as they depart the bus. Bus students will enter the back doors by the Art Suite.

Walkers and Bike Riders
Arrival routines will be different for walkers and bike riders. Walkers and bike riders will arrive on campus between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. For students’ safety, please follow all directions of the crossing guard, school personnel, and safety patrols when approaching the campus and when arriving at school. Bicycles must be parked and locked to the metal racks inside wall. The bike rack gate will be locked at 8:45 a.m. Walkers and bikers will enter the school at the front door under the bell tower. Students will receive a temperature screening before they enter the school.

Where will Pre-K students arrive?
Pre-K students will arrive by cars and buses at the front driveway loop of the school. Pre-K students will be met by Pre-K assistants when they depart cars and buses. Students will receive temperature screenings and will be escorted by adults or student leaders to the Pre-K waiting area. Teachers will meet the Pre-K students at the waiting area.
**Will parents be able to walk with students to the school's campus or to the side door as in the past?**

This arrival routine has changed. The side door of the school near the bike rack will no longer be an entrance for morning arrival. Parents who walk to school or ride bikes with their children from neighborhoods on the west side of San Pablo Rd. will need to release them at the school crosswalk on the far side of the street opposite the school. Students will cross the street with the crossing guard. School officials and patrols will direct students from that point. For families walking or bike riding from neighborhoods on the east side of San Pablo Rd., please release your students at the sidewalk nearest the south driveway entrance of the school. All walkers and bike riders will walk themselves to the main entrance of the school at the bell tower. School employees will be along the front car loop sidewalk to assist and direct students as needed. During these heightened times of health precautions, we appreciate your cooperation with this new procedure.

**Will students be able to eat breakfast this year? If so, where and when will they eat?**

Breakfast will be served in the school's cafeteria. Once students have passed their temperature checks and have entered the building, they may eat breakfast. Students will be distanced from each other in the food line, as well as in their seating areas in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is supervised by school employees. Once breakfast has concluded, students will go to their assigned waiting areas.

*Pre-K students will eat breakfast in the cafeteria directly after the 8:30 a.m. bell.*

If students are not eating breakfast at school, they may walk to their morning wait areas. For VPK – 3rd Grade, the wait area is in the multi-purpose room. For grades 4 and 5, the wait area is upstairs by classroom doors. All wait areas are supervised by school employees.

**What happens if my child is tardy to school?**

Students who arrive at school after 8:30 a.m. are considered tardy. Please drive any tardy students to the front driveway of the school or walk up to the security camera/doorbell area to receive directions from a school official. Students will receive a temperature screening upon arrival. Parents may not enter the building with their child.
Lunch and Dismissal

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How will lunch be different this year for our children?

We will have some of our classes eating in the school’s cafeteria. In addition, some of our students will be eating in the classrooms with their teachers. Our lunch schedule will begin earlier and end later than in years past in order for us to spread out classes and distance students. With the addition of Duval HomeRoom, our brick and mortar class sizes are smaller in almost every grade level. This will allow for spacing between lunch tables. All students should wear their facial coverings until seated at the cafeteria table and ready to eat.

Will afternoon dismissal be the same this year for students?

Please note: There is no Park and Ride this year. In order to honor guidelines for social distancing and for the health and safety of all students and adults, parents will not be permitted on campus to wait for students to be dismissed. All car students will be picked up in the Auto Lane at the back of school. All walkers and bike riders will either cross over to the west side of San Pablo Road with the crossing guard, or they will walk/bike to the north or south on the east side of San Pablo Road.

Teachers and students will walk together through the Round-About when grade levels are dismissed beginning at 2:45 p.m. Students will be dismissed by their teachers at each respective area on the Round-About: Car Rider Lane, Bus Loop, and Walkers/ Bike Riders.
Teachers will walk students to the Auto Lane where students will be seated by grade level cohorts to wait for their cars. Parents are asked to display the car hang tag from the inside rearview mirror of the car. Please list all names of car riders on the tags.

Dismissal for bus students will be the same as in previous years. Students will follow the Round-About with teachers and will be dropped off at their individual buses by their teachers via the bus loop on the side of the building. Buses will depart the school and will drop off students at their neighborhood bus stops.

Dismissal routines will be the same for walkers and bike riders. Walkers and bike riders will be dropped off last on the teacher Round-About. For students’ safety, please encourage them to follow all directions of the crossing guard, school personnel, and safety patrols during the dismissal process. Parents will not be permitted to pick up students on the school’s campus unless they are in the Auto Lane at the back of the school.

Dismissal location will be the same for VPK car students. At VPK dismissal time, parents of VPK students will follow the Auto Lane to the back of the school. Cars will pull all the way forward to the multi-purpose room doors. Students will exit the Multi-Purpose room doors and will be loaded into cars by VPK personnel.

Dismissal location for ToTs and Patrols will be in the bus loop at the side of the building after 3:15 p.m. Please wait until the bus gate opens and the last bus has departed.

Dismissal procedures and locations will be different for our Extended Day Program this year. If your child is in Extended Day after school, please be on the lookout for more information from the Extended Day Directors.