

Everything "Galileo"

YOU NEED TO KNOW

CONTACT US

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Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
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EXTENDED DAY

Morning Hours: 7:00 a.m.-8:25 a.m.
Evenings until 6:00 p.m.
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GALILEO PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We welcome parent participation and support in all things Galileo. Parents are required to volunteer for a minimum of 20 hours during the school year or 30 hours for families with multiple children. Some of the ways you can support our students are through PTO events, media center support, classroom involvement, Creative Productivity, field trip chaperones, and School Advisory Council (SAC). Please contact us if you have any ideas or if you need further clarification on collaborating with Galileo.

CLUBS

Galileo School also offers extracurricular activities including:
Elementary: Soccer, Running Club, Robotics, Student Government, Odyssey of the Mind, Flag Football, Basketball, Chorus, Math Club, Safety Patrol, Band, Cheer Club and Chess Club.

Middle: Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Art Club, Fitness Club, Robotics, Student Government, Odyssey of the Mind, Cross Country, Track and Field, Chorus, Triathlon Club, Art Club, FFEA, and Math Club. For more information on the clubs we offer, please visit the front office.

CREATIVE PRODUCTIVITY

CP sessions integrate core subjects to help children expand their knowledge using creative approaches to problem solving and product development. These project-based workshops allow students to activate critical thinking skills in personal areas of interest and explore in a fun, hands-on environment. Students are able to choose classes according to their interest level.

Galileo Important Information

Important Information: Parents are required to sign their children in/out of the office for late arrival or early dismissal. We do not allow pick ups within the last 30 minutes of the school day. * **Please do not park in the fire lane at anytime.**

Stay Informed: You will always stay up to date on all things Galileo by following these easy steps:

- Set the Galileo website as your homepage
- "Like" us and "follow" us on Facebook
- (Galileo School and Galileo PTO both have Facebook accounts)
- Download the App REMIND to your cellular phone and WAIT for our Galileo invitation to get text messages with last minute reminders and important information
- * *Be sure to submit your emergency card by the first day of school so we have your updated phone number as well as your email address. If either of these change, don't forget to notify us so you don't miss out!*
- Check our website under "Students" for our master school schedule.
- You can contact any of our staff members by clicking on the directory link under About/Admin, Faculty & Staff.

Dress Code: All school uniforms must be worn so that when the body is standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to mid-thigh. The Galileo School uniform consists of a polo shirt with the Galileo School logo from Lands' End. Pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts must be khaki/tan-colored.

Headwear: Hats may be worn as long as they do not cause a distraction. No costume headpieces. **Footwear:** Students must wear closed shoes at all times. Crocs, backless shoes, sandals, wheelies, open toed shoes and flip flops may not be worn. **Spirit Fridays:** Students may wear Galileo PTO/spirit shirts to school on Fridays with jeans or jean shorts as an alternative to their khaki-colored bottoms. On all other days, students must wear their polo shirts (elementary) or Galileo t-shirt (middle school) with the Galileo School logo and khaki colored bottoms. **Out of Uniform Days:** Once a month, Galileo will implement a dress down day. Students may wear non-uniform clothing that otherwise adheres to dress code policy. Costumes and pajamas are not permitted. Additional Dress Code guidelines can be found on website.

School Lunch: Lunch may be purchased for \$3.50 (Elementary) & \$3.75 (MS), and will be supplied by Seminole County Food Services. Parents can pre-pay for lunches by check, or use MySchoolAccount.com online using a credit card. * If your students arrive more than 10 minutes late in the morning, please be sure to bring them a lunch from home.
Paying School Fees: Parents can pay most students' fees at www.schoolpay.com.

Galileo Dragon Community: To join the community bulletin board for parent communication and interaction you can "like" the Galileo Dragon Community Facebook page. *this is a parent monitored system, please do not contact the school administration with issues related to this page.

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT CALENDAR 2023-2024

Date of Board Adoption: April 27, 2021

Definition of Descriptions:

Schools Closed= Teachers and students not in attendance; Educational Support Center open for business

Schools Closed for Students=Students not in attendance; Teachers are working & Educational Support Center is open for business

School System Closed= Teachers, students, and employees at Educational Support Center not in attendance

- August 4-9 Teacher Workdays (Pre-planning)
- August 10 First Day of Student Attendance - Start of 1st Quarter/ 1st Semester
- September 4 School System Closed
- October 13 End of 1st Quarter
- October 16 Schools Closed for Students /Teacher Workday
- October 17 Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- November 20-November 24 Schools Closed
- November 23-24 School System Closed
- December 18-December 20 Early Dismissal for Students
- December 20 End of 2nd Quarter/ 1st Semester
- December 21-January 3 Schools Closed (Winter Break)
- January 4 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday, Student Make-up Day #2, If Needed
- January 5 Schools Closed for Students / Teacher- District Professional Development Day, Student Make-up Day #1, If Needed
- January 8 Classes Resume, Start of 3rd Quarter/ 2nd Semester
- January 15 School System Closed
- February 19 School System Closed
- March 14 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 15 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday, Student Make-up Day #3, If Needed
- March 18-March 22 Schools Closed (Spring Break)
- March 25 Classes Resume- Start of 4th Quarter
- May 22-May 24 Early Dismissal for Students
- May 24 Last Day of Student Attendance - End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
- May 27 School System Closed
- May 28 Teacher Workday (Post-planning, Student Make-up Day #4, If Needed
- May 29 Teacher Workday (Post-planning)

Riverbend Galileo Car Line Procedures

2023-2024

For the safety and security of our students, parents cannot use cellphones in Carline

Morning Car Line Procedures

Carline will open at 7:50 a.m. and close at 8:25 a.m. Cars will drive from the main entrance located off Cameron Ave. Once you have pulled into the entrance, you will take an immediate right, looping past the playground and around the back of the building. Parents should line up in both lanes of the driveway and stop at the stop sign. Parents should wait to be directed forward into a single line to drop off student(s).

Once all children have unloaded and after being flagged to leave, parents will be directed to carefully pull forward through the parking lot, exiting to Cameron Ave (left) or onto SR 46 (right).

Once the car line closes @ 8:25 a.m., parents can start pulling up in the lane closest to the front office and safely drop off their students. At 8:30 a.m., parents must exit their cars and sign children in as children are late at that time.

Students cannot be dropped off until Galileo Staff are present in carline to receive them after 7:50 a.m.

Afternoon Car Line Procedures

Students will be dismissed in zones in order to provide an efficient system for pickup. Car Line will open at 3:20 p.m. for kindergarten-second grade dismissal. Students in grades 3-5 will be dismissed beginning at 3:30 and Middle School students will be dismissed at 3:40 p.m. If a car is picking up students in multiple time brackets, all students will be ready for pick-up at the time the oldest student is dismissed. Parents must arrive in the car line at their zone time or later to pick up their children.

At the Back-to-School Event, parents will be given their two car line tags per family, with their child's first and last name and zone number one, two, or three. Any additional tags needed will be \$1.00 per tag. Requests for additional tags should be emailed to Abby Dueitt (abby.dueitt@galileogiftedschool.org). When using the car line, please have this card clearly displayed, hanging from the rearview mirror or your dashboard where the car line volunteers can see it. If you have multiple families in the same vehicle, please clearly display each card. Student names will be announced to facilitate a quick transition of students to their waiting parents in the car line. Parents without cards will be directed to pick-up their children in the front office.

Zone 1 (3:20 dismissal for grades K-2) cars will drive in the main entrance located off Cameron Ave. Once you have pulled into the entrance, you will take an immediate right, looping past the playground and around the back of the building. In the afternoon, the carline will form in two lanes: parents who will exit after car line on SR 46 should enter on the right side of the car loop, those exiting onto Cameron Ave should enter car line on the left. Once your car arrives at the stop sign, the car line volunteer will instruct you to pull forward using both lanes. Please pull all the way forward as close to the car in front of you as possible. Students will be matched to car line tags and assisted into cars by safety patrols. Once every car in line is ready, that line will be dismissed to drive around the building, and out the Cameron Ave exit.

Zone 2 (3:30 dismissal for grades 3-5) cars will arrive after 3:30 and follow the zone 1 procedures. We ask that zone 2 cars refrain from arriving early as those students will not be in car line until 3:30. To ensure a smooth and efficient car line, cars arriving before their scheduled time will be asked to pull around and get back in line until their students are ready for pick up.

Zone 3 (3:40 for Middle School students) cars will arrive after 3:40 and follow the zone 1 procedures. We ask that zone 3 cars refrain from arriving early as those students will not be in car line until 3:40. To ensure a smooth and efficient car line, cars arriving before their scheduled time will be asked to pull around and get back in line until their students are ready for pick up.

Important Notes:

- Children will exit and enter vehicles on the driver's side of the car.
- Please wait to be flagged for dismissal from carline.
- In the afternoon: If you are in the left lane, you will exit Cameron Ave. Those in the right lane will exit onto SR 46.