

# Everything “Galileo” You Need to Know

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Dragon Watch Extended Day Mornings 7:00 a.m.-8:20 a.m. Evenings until 6:00 p.m.  
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## School Hours:

**VPK: AM: M-F 8:45-11:45 • Full: M,T,TH,F 8:45-3:15, W 8:45-2:15**

**K-2: M, T, Th, & F: 8:30-3:20 • Wednesday: 8:30-2:20**

**3-5: M, T, Th, & F: 8:30-3:30 • Wednesday: 8:30-2:30**

**6-8: M, T, Th, & F: 8:30-3:40 • Wednesday: 8:30-2:40**

**Galileo School 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 Project Pool, PTA events, 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. **You must register at <http://www.scps.k12.fl.us> and follow our Dividend sign-in procedures.**

| 2023-24 STUDENT ATTENDANCE CALENDAR               |                                 |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Board Approved: April 27, 2021                    |                                 |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| Start Date August 10, 2023, End Date May 25, 2024 |                                 |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| JULY 2023   |                                 |    |    | AUGUST 2023                       |                                 |    |    | SEPTEMBER 2023 |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| M   | TU                              | W  | TH | FR                                | M                               | TU | W  | TH             | FR                              | M  | TU | W  | TH | FR |
| 3   | 4                               | 5  | 6  | 7                                 | 1                               | 2  | 3  | 4              | 4                               | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |    |
| 10  | 11                              | 12 | 13 | 14                                | 7                               | 8  | 9  | 10             | 11                              | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 17  | 18                              | 19 | 20 | 21                                | 14                              | 15 | 16 | 17             | 18                              | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 24  | 25                              | 26 | 27 | 28                                | 21                              | 22 | 23 | 24             | 25                              | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 31  |                                 |    |    |                                   | 28                              | 29 | 30 | 31             |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| OCTOBER 2023                                      |                                 |    |    | NOVEMBER 2023                     |                                 |    |    | DECEMBER 2023  |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| M   | TU                              | W  | TH | FR                                | M                               | TU | W  | TH             | FR                              | M  | TU | W  | TH | FR |
| 2   | 3                               | 4  | 5  | 6                                 | 1                               | 2  | 3  | 4              | 5                               | 6  | 7  | 8  |    |    |
| 9   | 10                              | 11 | 12 | 13                                | 6                               | 7  | 8  | 9              | 10                              | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16  | 17                              | 18 | 19 | 20                                | 13                              | 14 | 15 | 16             | 17                              | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23  | 24                              | 25 | 26 | 27                                | 20                              | 21 | 22 | 23             | 24                              | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30  | 31                              |    |    |                                   | 27                              | 28 | 29 | 30             |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| JANUARY 2024                                      |                                 |    |    | FEBRUARY 2024                     |                                 |    |    | MARCH 2024     |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| M   | TU                              | W  | TH | FR                                | M                               | TU | W  | TH             | FR                              | M  | TU | W  | TH | FR |
| 1   | 2                               | 3  | 4  | 5                                 | 1                               | 2  | 1  | 2              | 3                               | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 8   | 9                               | 10 | 11 | 12                                | 5                               | 6  | 7  | 8              | 9                               | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 15  | 16                              | 17 | 18 | 19                                | 12                              | 13 | 14 | 15             | 16                              | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 22  | 23                              | 24 | 25 | 26                                | 19                              | 20 | 21 | 22             | 23                              | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 29  | 30                              | 31 |    |                                   | 26                              | 27 | 28 | 29             | 30                              |    |    |    |    |    |
| APRIL 2024  |                                 |    |    | MAY 2024                          |                                 |    |    | JUNE 2024      |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| M   | TU                              | W  | TH | FR                                | M                               | TU | W  | TH             | FR                              | M  | TU | W  | TH | FR |
| 1   | 2                               | 3  | 4  | 5                                 | 1                               | 2  | 3  | 3              | 4                               | 5  | 6  | 7  |    |    |
| 8   | 9                               | 10 | 11 | 12                                | 6                               | 7  | 8  | 9              | 10                              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15  | 16                              | 17 | 18 | 19                                | 13                              | 14 | 15 | 16             | 17                              | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22  | 23                              | 24 | 25 | 26                                | 20                              | 21 | 22 | 23             | 24                              | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29  | 30                              |    |    |                                   | 27                              | 28 | 29 | 30             | 31                              |    |    |    |    |    |
| 1st Quarter: Aug 10th - Oct 13th<br>46 Days       |                                 |    |    | Semester 1: 88 Days<br>8/10-12/20 |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 2nd Quarter: Oct 17th - Dec 20th<br>42 Days       |                                 |    |    | Semester 2: 92 Days<br>1/8-5/24   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 3rd Quarter: Jan 8th - March 14th<br>47 Days      |                                 |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 4th Quarter: March 25th - May 24th<br>45 Days     |                                 |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8/4-8/9   | Pre-Planning                    |    |    | 1/8                               | Beginning of 3rd Quarter        |    |    | 1/8            | Beginning of 3rd Quarter        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8/10  | First Day of School             |    |    | 8/10                              | Martin Luther King Jr. Day      |    |    | 17/15          | Martin Luther King Jr. Day      |    |    |    |    |    |
| 9/4   | Labor Day Holiday               |    |    | 2/19                              | Presidents Day                  |    |    | 2/19           | Presidents Day                  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10/13   | End of 1st Quarter              |    |    | 3/24                              | End of 3rd Quarter              |    |    | 3/24           | End of 3rd Quarter              |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10/16   | 1chr Workday/Student Holiday    |    |    | 3/18-3/22                         | Spring Break                    |    |    | 3/18-3/22      | Spring Break                    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10/17   | Beginning of 2nd Grading Period |    |    | 3/19                              | Teacher Workday/Student Holiday |    |    | 3/19           | Teacher Workday/Student Holiday |    |    |    |    |    |
| 11/20-11-24                                       | Thanksgiving Break              |    |    | 3/25                              | Beginning of 4th Quarter        |    |    | 3/25           | Beginning of 4th Quarter        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/20   | End of 2nd Quarter              |    |    | 4/24                              | End of 4th Quarter              |    |    | 4/24           | End of 4th Quarter              |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/21-1/3   | Winter Break                    |    |    | 5/27                              | Memorial Day Holiday            |    |    | 5/27           | Memorial Day Holiday            |    |    |    |    |    |
| 1/4   | 1chr Workday/Student Holiday    |    |    | 8/28-5/29                         | Post-Planning                   |    |    | 8/28-5/29      | Post-Planning                   |    |    |    |    |    |
| 1/5   | District PD Day/Student Holiday |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
| Early Release Days                                |                                 |    |    |                                   |                                 |    |    |                |                                 |    |    |    |    |    |

**Creative Productivity** classes are unique to Galileo School. Two week sessions for elementary and 4 week sessions for middle school 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. Some examples of our Creative Productivity classes are: • Lego Robotics • Building Roller Coasters • Fashion Design • Designing Landscapes • Composing Music

**CLUBS** Galileo School also offers extracurricular activities including: **Elementary:** Soccer, Running Club, Cheerleading, ASL, Origami Club, Robotics, Student Government, Odyssey of the Mind, Flag Football, Basketball, Chorus, Math Club, Safety Patrol, Band, Dance, Writing and Book Club. **Middle:** Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Art Club, Origami Club, Robotics, Student Government, Odyssey of the Mind, Cross Country, Track and Field, Chorus, Book Club, FFEA, Dance Club and Math Club. For more information on the clubs we offer, please visit the front office.

## Transporters are required to have a Galileo issued car line tag with each students' name

\*Homemade car line tags will not be accepted. \*Carpool tags are available for purchase.

**Car line opens daily at 7:50 a.m. -** Dragon Watch is available for families needing an earlier drop off time.

## **Car Line Zones and Entry Times:**

**Zone 1:** M, T, Th, & F: 3:20 • Wednesday: 2:20

**Zone 2:** M, T, Th, & F: 3:30 • Wednesday: 2:30

**Zone 3:** M, T, Th, & F: 3:40 • Wednesday: 2:40

\*Zones are assigned based on the highest grade level you are transporting. Please do not arrive prior to your zone time.

**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 after 3:00pm (2:00pm on Wed).** \* Please do not park in the fire lane at any time.

**Stay Informed:** The best way to stay up to date on all things Galileo is by following these easy steps:

- Set the Galileo website as your homepage
  - "Like" us and "follow" us on Facebook (Galileo School and Galileo PTSA both have Facebook)
  - 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 and update your skyward account 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.
- \*Mrs. Nunez, Principal, sends out weekly communication every weekend during the school year. Make sure you receive it and read it to stay on the forefront of Galileo news.

**Uniforms:** The Galileo School uniform consists of a polo shirt (VPK-8) t-shirt (6-8) with the Galileo School logo from Lands' End. Our preferred school number: 900192550. Pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts must be khaki/tan-colored and in good repair. **Shoes:** Students must wear closed shoes at all times. Crocks, backless shoes, sandals, wheelies, open toed shoes and flip flops may not be worn. **Spirit Fridays:** Students may wear their Galileo Spirit shirts (club, sports and ptsa) with khaki or jeans, midhigh length or longer without holes. **Dresses/Jumpers:** When you wear dresses and jumpers students are required to wear shorts, leggings, or bloomers underneath.

**School Lunch:** Galileo partners with Seminole County Public Schools to provide a variety of lunch options daily. For the 2023-2024 school year, students will have to purchase lunch if they want to eat what is served at school. The price for breakfast is \$2.75. Elementary students will be charged \$3.50 daily for lunch and middle school students will pay \$3.75 for their lunches. These prices are for standard lunches and do not include extras like chips or special treats that are often available for additional purchase. Students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch must apply and be approved in order to have discounted meals (40 cents) or free meals. Online applications can be completed on [SCPSMealApp.com](http://SCPSMealApp.com). Parents can pay for lunch or breakfast via check or credit card by visiting [www.MySchoolAccount.com](http://www.MySchoolAccount.com). \*If your student(s) arrives late in the morning, please pack them a lunch from home or call the front office to place your order before 8:45.

**Paying School Fees:** All families are encouraged to create a schoolpay account ([www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com)) to pay for student fees. (Lunch is the only fee not payable on schoolpay).

**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.