

Orange Hunt Elementary School

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Orange Hunt Elementary
6820 Sydenstricker Rd.
Springfield, VA 22152

Attendance Line
703-913-6868

Clinic
703-913-6810

Direct Line
703-913-6800

Website
<http://www2.fcps.edu/OrangeHuntES/>

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Notes from Orange Hunt

Each year Orange Hunt produces this brochure for our families and includes important information about our school. Keep this in a safe place, as it will be a handy resource for you and your family in preparation for a great start to the 2018- 2019 school year! Additionally, the principal sends out weekly emails to the community with important information and updates. It's called News We Hoot!

Inclement Weather, School Closings and Emergencies:

When inclement weather or emergencies delay or close the school system, an FCPS Keep in Touch message will be sent to the community. TV stations, radio, and the FCPS website also provide updated school delays and closings.

So that you are prepared for weather-related school changes, please familiarize yourself with the [FCPS Cancellation Procedures](#).

ATTENDANCE

Monday-Friday

Bell Schedule: 8:35 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Earliest Arrival—8:20 a.m.

Orange Hunt Elementary staff will supervise students starting at 8:20 a.m. Walkers and car riders should arrive at school no earlier than 8:20 a.m. and report to the gym. **Students purchasing breakfast may arrive after 8:20 a.m. through the main doors and report to the cafeteria.**

1st Bell Rings at 8:30 a.m.

2nd Bell Rings at 8:45 a.m.

Announcements start at 8:45 a.m. in the classrooms.

Absent or Tardy—8:50 a.m.

If your child is going to be absent for the entire day or late for any reason, call the school attendance line at 703-913-6868, before 7:45 a.m. The attendance line is available 24/7 for your convenience. If the school does not receive a call from a parent, the absence will be considered unexcused.

AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE CALLS

If your child has an unverified or unexcused absence, you will receive an automated call on your home phone and your email at approximately 11:00 a.m. To avoid this call, please use our attendance line at 703-913-6868

Please Note:

There is no opt-out option for this call.

Personal Property

FCPS does not assume responsibility for the personal property of students and does not purchase insurance for student property.

Parents and students are urged to carefully consider the types and value of property taken to school, especially items with monetary or sentimental value. Lost and found items in the school are placed in a designated location. Please place your child's name on all outerwear, bookbags, and lunch boxes, so lost items will be easier to identify.

CLINIC SERVICES

When to Stay Home

Students with flu symptoms (100 degrees or higher fever, aches, and coughs), or rashes, watery and inflamed eyes, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home until a doctor evaluates their symptoms and determines whether they are contagious. The Fairfax County Department of Health recommends that children remain home fever-free for 24 hours after an illness before returning to school. Remember to call the Attendance Line at 703-913-6868 to report your child's absence.

Taking Your Child Home

Our clinic works to control and manage student exposure to contagious diseases.

We will call you if your child exhibits symptoms of illness, such as:

- Fever over 100 degrees
- Persistent abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Unexplained/undiagnosed rash
- Diarrhea
- Head lice
- Inflamed eyes with discharge
- Persistent cough

We ask that you make arrangements to pick your child up as soon as possible. It is important to have all emergency numbers up-to-date in case we need to contact you. Anyone picking your child up must be on your child's Emergency Care Card.

Medication at School

Prescription and most over-the-counter medications require strict adult supervision. Forms to authorize school staff members to administer medications are available in the school office, and online See [FCPS School Health Services](#) for more information and access to forms. Contact the school clinic if you need additional help at 703-913-6810.



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Birthday Treats

Cupcakes, donuts, goodie bags, candy, pizza, and/or other edible items, will not be allowed at school to celebrate a birthday. All students having a birthday will be recognized in their classrooms and on the news show. At Orange Hunt, like many other schools, we have a large number of students who suffer from life-threatening allergies and other medical needs. As a school community, we work diligently to lessen the chances of an allergic incident occurring and to keep our students safe. We also strive to create an inclusive environment, where all students can equally participate in the school day and activities. Please do not send food into the building with your child to share. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Clothes

We expect students to come to school dressed in proper attire for school activities. Clothing should fit, be neat and clean, and conform to standards of decency. For further details, go to the [School Board site](#). Tennis shoes or shoes with rubber soles are necessary for physical education classes, active play, and are recommended for daily use.

Visitors and Security

Orange Hunt has an electronic security system requiring all visitors to ring the bell located at front entrance # 1. All exterior doors are locked during school hours for our students' safety. **Parent volunteers and visitors are required to stop at the main office to sign in electronically and receive a badge. All visitors will need a valid state driver's license.** We do not permit younger children, friends of students, or students from other schools to visit classrooms. Animal/pet visits must be curriculum related and must be approved in advance by the principal, due to Virginia Laws regulating animals on school property.

Changes in Transportation

Please be respectful of valuable classroom instruction by having your children arrive and leave on time. Emergencies do arise and appointments can occur that require special attention. Please call the school office no later than 2:00 p.m. to request for unplanned transportation changes. It is strongly encouraged to arrange playdates after school from the home. Changing a student's usual mode of transportation can result in confusion. We appreciate your cooperation.

TRANSPORTATION

Parking and Picking Up Children

Virginia state law forbids the passing of a school bus that is loading or unloading children; this law applies on school grounds, too. We do not allow parking in front of the school during arrival and dismissal. **To avoid being blocked in by the buses, there is no parking in front of the school between 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. or from 3:00- 4:30 p.m.**

Walkers

To enable our students to exit the building safely, we ask that walking parents meet their children outside at Door 3, 4, or 6. The front lobby exit must remain clear. Walking students must use designated paths or sidewalks where safety patrols are stationed.

Kiss and Ride (8:20-8:45 a.m. & 3:35 p.m.)

Kiss and Ride Tags are Available in the Office. Tags are for use with afternoon pickup only.

- Drop your child off only in the Kiss and Ride traffic pattern. Do not drop your child off on Sydenstricker Rd. or other areas around the school/neighborhood.
- Pull your car forward as far as possible in the line.
- Make sure that your child exits your car on the building side only.
- Do not pass other cars in line.
- Go directly to Sydenstricker Rd; do not use the bus access lane in front of the school.

Bus Riders

FCPS provides bus transportation for students who reside more than a mile from the school. Check with the school office for exceptions. Bus riders should follow these guidelines:

- Refrain from crossing or playing on private property.
- Cooperate with the safety patrols and obey the bus drivers.
- Arrive at the bus stop five to ten minutes before the scheduled pickup time.
- Remain seated and talk quietly on the bus.

Bicycle Safety

Students may ride their bikes to school. Fairfax County Code requires students 15 and under to wear a helmet when

riding a bike. For further information on bicycle rules, please stop by the office.

SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

Breakfast

Students \$1.75; Adults \$2.20

Elementary Lunch ([menu link](#))

Students \$3.20; Adults \$4.50

Milk \$.60

Cafeteria Payment Options

- **Online** <https://www.MySchoolBucks.com>

Easy to use, convenient, private, and secure method. **There is no longer a convenience fee for families using this service.** Once the account is open, parents may check the fund at any time from computer or phone.

- **Check**—Send a check made out to Orange Hunt School Food Services to the cafeteria manager with your child in the morning. Be sure to include your child's name and his or her teacher's name in the memo portion of the check. Indicate on the check if you want your child to purchase meals only (no a la carte items), or tell the manager. When a lunch account has only three (3) lunches left, the cashier will send home a notice. Food and Nutrition Services uses a "no lunch charges" procedure when a student's account balance is down to three meals to ensure that no student goes without lunch.

- **Cash**—Parents can deposit cash in their child's account at the food service manager's office, or students may pay cash on a daily basis.

Free or Reduced Meals

Students who qualify for free meals receive breakfast and lunch free. Nutrition Services mails application forms to every family in August. Parents must complete the forms to renew this program each year. Call the office at 703-913-6800 if you need information or an application.



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