

# Terra Centre New Family Orientation 2023



# Welcome!

*We look forward to seeing you next week!*

Rebecca Gidoni, Principal



Teresa Lewis, Assistant Principal



# Back to School Events

Teacher assignments are sent via email on August 15th



Open House	Back to School Night
Friday, August 18	Tuesday, September 12
<b>9:00-10:30</b>	<b>6:00-6:30</b> PK-6 Session 1  <b>6:45-7:15</b> PK-6 Session 2 <i>(repeat of session 1)</i>



**The Terra Centre PTA** is a school-based, non-profit organization acting as a voice for all children and a resource for families and our school community.

We are a group of parents, family members, teachers, and administrators who work together to create the best experience for our Tigers at TCES.

Learn more:

<https://tcpta.ptboard.com/>

## WHO BENEFITS FROM YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP?

### OUR SCHOOL

Our PTA provides support for our administrators, teachers, and staff to support a positive and caring atmosphere for all Terra Centre Tigers.

We address school issues, plan a variety of fun and engaging events, advocate for education, and raise funds to achieve our academic goals.

### OUR STUDENTS

Parental involvement boosts student achievement! Children perform better when parents are engaged in their education, both at HOME and at SCHOOL.

By joining the PTA, your child will see first-hand the importance placed on education. The PTA advocates for ALL children.

### OUR PARENTS

Your membership helps you meet your family's educational goals, gives you a voice during PTA voting, and allows you to make a difference supporting your child.

Joining the PTA empowers parents to maximize their child's TC experience by building community with Terra Centre families strengthening rapport with teachers and administrators.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Register and pay your annual dues\*
  - Attend General PTA Member meetings
  - Share Ideas & Suggestions
  - Volunteer when you can - No Requirements or Pressure!
- \*\$20 household, \$10 individual, \$5 faculty/staff



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### CONNECT WITH US

[tcpsptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:tcpsptapresident@gmail.com)



TerraCentreElementarySchoolPta





Where Tigers Learn With Pride



Visit our table at the  
school entrance!

**Kathryn Luka**

President

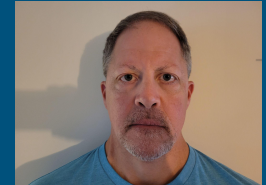
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# School Supplies

Listed by grade level  
on our school website

Terra Centre school  
supply lists



# Home to School Communication

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Phone calls

Email

Twitter- [@TerraCentreES](https://twitter.com/TerraCentreES)

E-Notify

News You Choose - [Sign Up Here!](#)

[Schoology](#)

[Terra Centre E.S.](#)

[Fairfax County Public Schools](#)



# School Hours

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Grades	Monday - Friday
K-6	8:40 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.
Morning ECCB	9:05 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Afternoon ECCB	12:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
ECIP	9:05 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.
PAC	M, W 9:05 a.m.-12:25 p.m. T, Th, F 9:05 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.
Main Office Hours	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



# Student Arrival

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Students may not be dropped off before 8:30 a.m. There is **NO** supervision prior.

- At 8:30 a.m. students may walk to their classroom.
- Students arriving after 8:40 a.m. are tardy and will need to be walked in by their parent to sign in at the main office (Door 1).

# Student Entry/Exit doors

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- Door 1
  - Bus Riders Kinder-6th grade
  - Walkers 1st-6th grade
- Gym
  - Kinder Walkers
- Door 8
  - Kiss and Ride Kinder-6th grade

**K-6 Kiss & Ride  
Enter/Exit Door 8**



Burke  
Centre  
Pkwy

Terra Centre  
Elementary School

**K-6 Bus Riders  
1-6 Walkers  
Enter/Exit Door 1**



**Kinder Walkers  
Enter/Exit GYM**



# Student Dismissal

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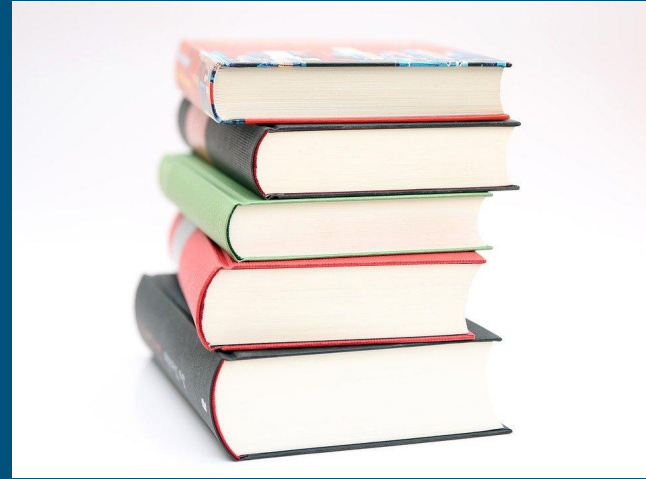
- All preschool/ Kindergarteners must be met by an adult
- Kiss and ride is done by family last name and “Pick Up Patrol” APP
- Dismissal changes are done through “Pick Up Patrol” APP



# Academic Overview

All K-6 students receive curriculum in:

- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Math



Students also participate in PE, music, art, FLES, and library

Terra Centre is a Local Level IV AAP school

**[FCPS Elementary Curriculum](#)**

**[FCPS Academic Overview](#)**

**[FCPS Advanced Academics](#)**



# Specialized Academic Services

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Special education services are available for qualifying students in preschool through 6th grade

Terra Centre has a clinical team consisting of the following:

Counselors

School psychologist

School social worker

Local Screening Committee



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## Volunteers

We currently have a need for cafeteria volunteers. Please email Ms. Lewis if you are interested: [tmlewis@fcps.edu](mailto:tmlewis@fcps.edu)

## Birthday/Class Celebrations

During the school day, Terra Centre has non-edible rewards for birthdays, class parties, and school-wide celebrations.

# Questions

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