

# CHANGES to AM/PM KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Sept. 2007

## Friday late starts bring changes to AM/PM kindergarten attendance

This school year brings exciting change and opportunity for improvements in student learning.

On 30 Fridays throughout this year, teachers and school staff will come together to better plan and prepare lessons and materials, as well as improve instruction and curriculum. Students will come to school 90 minutes late on these Fridays.

On these Fridays, kindergarten students will alternate attending school. On some Fridays, only AM kindergarten students will attend; on others, only PM kindergarten students will attend school. Kindergarten students will attend the full day on these late-start Fridays only.

The school year calendar shows which late-start Fridays kindergarten students will attend: Fridays marked with a dot are the days that only AM kindergarten students attend school. Those Fridays without the dot are the days only PM kindergarten students attend.

On these Fridays, Renton's teachers will begin working together as never before in exciting new ways: integrating curriculum, making school more meaningful and relevant for kids; talking with each other about individual student progress; and, looking at student work together as a way to analyze and improve teacher practices. Teacher collaboration is a huge component of professional learning community research that includes ongoing, on-site, on-task dialogue as one of the surest ways to improve student achievement.

Kindergarten students will alternate attending school on 30 Fridays this school year.

As part of teacher training/collaboration days, school will start 90 minutes late on 30 Fridays this year.

On half of these Fridays, only AM kindergarten students will attend school; on the other half, only PM kindergarten students will attend school.

Only AM Kindergarten students will attend school on these late-start Fridays:

Sept. 7, 21  
Oct. 5, 26  
Nov. 30  
Dec. 14  
Jan. 11, 25  
Feb. 8, 29  
March 14, 28  
May 2, 16  
June 6, 20 (last day of school)

Only PM Kindergarten students will attend school on these late-start Fridays:

Sept. 14, 28  
Oct. 19  
Nov. 2  
Dec. 7  
Jan. 4, 18  
Feb. 1, 15  
March 7, 21  
April 4  
May 9, 30  
June 13

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