



**Laurel Ridge Elementary**

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Please see below for an update provided by the school district related to weather make-up days.

From Monday, October 2 until Tuesday, October 31; Laurel Ridge morning arrival times will continue with arrival starting as early as 7:15 am, breakfast ending at 7:45 am, and the instructional day starting at 7:55 am. Lunch, recess, and specials times will remain the same. Dismissal will begin at 2:45 pm instead of 2:25 pm. Early checkout for students will end at 2:05 pm. Band will dismiss at 3:35 pm. The additional 20 minutes of instructional time will be dedicated to English Language Arts and Reading instruction. The texts used during the extended literacy time will be connected with the current topics of study in science, social studies, and/or math.

Once we have additional information about how parents can provide input on how the district makes up the additional instructional time, we will share it with you.

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Beth A. Kyle, Principal Laurel Ridge Elementary

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**District Update:**

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DeKalb County School District (DCSD) will adjust its make-up schedule for four days of lost instructional time due to Hurricane Irma, following continuing collaboration between the Board of Education and Superintendent/CEO R. Stephen Green, and focused outreach to stakeholder groups.

At this time, DCSD will take the following steps to recover two of the lost instructional days:

1. The school day will be extended by 20 minutes from Monday, Oct. 2 to Tuesday, Oct. 31
2. Students will attend school on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 7) as it previously was a teacher workday

The district is now considering the most effective method to recover one or both of the remaining instructional days. To accomplish this, DCSD will seek input directly from its principals, parent groups and community stakeholder groups through Friday, Oct. 13. That input will be strongly considered by Dr. Green in his final decision, to be announced on Monday, Oct. 16. Per Board policy, Dr. Green is empowered to make "scheduling changes to the school day because of inclement weather or other emergency conditions."

Updates will be available via the district website at [www.dekalbschoolsga.org](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org) and through its mobile app and accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

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