

## FAQ

### **- How does the 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies program work?**

Mason-Rice uses the services of 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies and their back-to-school supply kit program. Please note that this program is not a fundraiser and the prices are competitive. Plus, you have the added benefit of getting exactly what the teachers have requested on their lists. The ordering happens in June. Please look out for emails from the PTO on how and when to order. It is a very easy and quick online process. The supplies get delivered directly to the school at the end of August.

### **- Where can I buy supplies if I missed the deadline for ordering through 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies?**

If you missed ordering in June, you can buy supplies on your own. Your options are to shop at Amazon, Target, Walmart, Staples, or anywhere you wish. Please use the list of required supplies posted at [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org).

### **- Where can I find the list of supplies required by teachers?**

The current list of required supplies is posted on [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org)

### **- I ordered through 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies in June. When and where will my child receive the supplies?**

Your supplies will arrive at the school in the last week of August. These supplies will be sorted by volunteers and delivered to classrooms. Your child will have the supplies in their classroom on the first day of school.

### **- Can I help volunteer to sort the supplies delivered from 1<sup>st</sup> Day?**

YES, Please! The delivery usually happens the last week of August, one week before school starts. It will be on Mon, Tue, or Wed and will last about 2 hours. Please look out for an email from the PTO with the exact date and time in August.

We need volunteers to sort the supplies and deliver them to classrooms. Children are welcome to come with their parent or caregiver -- and they actually find it fun to help! It is a nice opportunity to visit their new classroom. Please consider coming even if you didn't order supplies this year. We really need the help -- and the more people, the faster the sorting goes.

If we don't get enough people to help sort, we will not be able to offer this program next year. We offer this service solely to help parents and teachers with back to school preparation. It is not a fund raiser for the PTO.

**- I can't remember if I ordered the supplies in June. How can I check?**

Search your email for the order confirmation:

- by website address - [1stdayschoolsupplies.com](http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com)
- check your spam and promotions folders
- contact 1<sup>st</sup> Day at Email: [info@1stDaySchoolSupplies.com](mailto:info@1stDaySchoolSupplies.com)
- If you are still not able to find the confirmation, and you believe you have ordered the supplies, you can email [inna@toadler.com](mailto:inna@toadler.com) or [syleng314@gmail.com](mailto:syleng314@gmail.com). One of us will check the order list for the name of your child. Please allow 2 days for a reply.

**Are the teachers particular about brands? Do they need to be exactly the same pencils and notebook brands or does the same description count?**

We recommend getting the requested brand if it is a name brand. It is important to get a quality product. You can substitute where it makes sense. For example, for markers, getting the Crayola ones is important as others dry out mid-year. Make sure the folders are plastic and sturdy as the paper ones do not last all year.

The school's green team recommends the Green Works wipes (rather than regular Clorox) and low odor products as specified.

**My family would benefit from a scholarship for school supplies. Who do I contact?**

Our PTO willingly supports those families who might benefit from a scholarship for school supplies. Please contact Jake Bultema ([jacob\\_bultema@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:jacob_bultema@newton.k12.ma.us)) for assistance.