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Traffic/Parking Update



Dear Parents,

As most of you know, the Little School is **under construction** and getting a new roof. Due to the construction on site, we anticipate that areas of the parking lot may be compromised. Please read this letter in its entirety to fully understand the traffic/parking patterns at the Little School.

- Barberry Road is a **ONE-WAY during arrival (7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.) and dismissal (2:30-3:30 p.m.)**. All traffic must enter from Southwick Road to Barberry Road during these designated times. Additionally, as you exit the large parking lot, please abide by the ONE-WAY sign which is posted at the end of the driveway. Leaving the parking lot, please turn right onto Barberry Road and exit the campus via Oakland Road. Please abide by the posted speed limit on Oakland Road. I suggest you share this information with anyone that will drive/pick up your child(ren) during the school year.
- Parking on Barberry Road is allowed **ONLY** on the right side as you turn in from Southwick Road. No parking signs are posted for the remainder of Barberry Road.
- Please respect our neighbor's property.

Preschool:

- Preschool arrival and dismissal begins on Friday, September 9th. Preschool arrival occurs between 8:05 – 8:15 a.m. (for the AM and full-day classes) and 12:00 p.m. (for the PM class). Parents may utilize the circular driveway in the front of the building. Paraprofessionals will be on duty to escort your children to the preschool doors. Please note: If you need to enter the building for any reason, you must park in a designated spot and enter at the Main Office (and check-in with the secretary).
- Preschool dismissal (11:15 a.m. (AM session) and 3:00 p.m. (PM session and full-day) occurs at the rear of the building (the double doors at the rear of the building on the large parking lot side...closest to the softball fields). Parents are asked to park and walk to the door to accept your child(ren). Your prompt arrival is requested.



Please DO NOT leave cars idling with/without children inside. There is a \$100 (first offense) and \$500 (second offense) fine for cars found to be idling on school property. Signs are posted on school property. This is a state law.

Kindergarten through Grade Five:

Arrival/Dismissal for kindergarten-grade five (*kindergarten does not begin until Friday, September 9th):

- Arrival:
 - The before-school program begins at 7:30 a.m. Children should enter at the cafeteria doors. There is a fee for this program. If you wish to register for before-school care, please visit the “parent section” of the district website.
 - Beginning at 8:45 a.m., walkers may enter at the cafeteria doors.
 - Students can be dropped beginning at 8:45 a.m. (when the paraprofessionals are on duty). Parents should utilize the “live drop-off” area at the entrance of the large parking lot. This will eliminate the need to park.
 - Students arriving after the late bell (8:55 a.m.) must check into the Main Office. Please enter through the main entrance doors.
- Dismissal:
 - Dismissal of full-day kindergarten-grade five begins at 3:10 p.m. (12:10 p.m. on early-release days).
 - Half-day kindergartens will be dismissed at 11:35 a.m. at the main entrance. Students will either ride the bus or be picked up by parents.
 - Children taking the bus will gather in the gym to await the arrival of the buses. All children riding the bus must have a bus pass displayed on their backpack. **There will be no switching of buses allowed.**
 - Walkers will be released through the cafeteria door.
 - Pick-ups will be released to a designated person (parent, babysitter, etc.) at the “old main entrance” doors (next to the cafeteria). Anyone picking up children must be on our list in the main office.

I am well aware that morning routines can be stressful as we all try to manage our schedules and get where we need to be. Please exercise caution and patience during arrival and dismissal, especially this year during the roof construction.

I will continue to communicate to the general population of the Little School via email regarding traffic updates/concerns. Please ensure that you have provided a valid email address and that you check your email daily to obtain important information.

Sincerely,
Christine A. Molle
Principal