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IMPORTANT ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL INFORMATION FOR 2021-22

As we embark on the start of a new school year on September 8th, we want to briefly describe the arrival and dismissal routines, in addition to some significant changes for our returning families for non-bus-riding students at Smyrna Elementary. **Due to ongoing COVID guidelines from the DE Department of Health, there may be limitations for visitors in the building. Masks are required while inside the building.**

For 2021/22, there are only four (4) ways to travel to / from Smyrna Elementary School:

- Ø Bus
- Ø Car-rider (through the lane on South Street)
- Ø Daycare van (same location as car-riders)
- Ø Walker (will arrive and dismiss at the school entrance on School Ln.)

MORNING ARRIVAL @ 8:20

- CAR-RIDERS AND DAYCARE VANS (ARRIVAL) – PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLES

As has been the routine for the past few years, **ALL** students arriving in cars will be dropped off in a double-file line, greeted by staff stationed at the South street entrance outside the gym and cafeteria lobby. Please note: There is no staff on supervisory duty until 8:15. **Please do not drop your student(s) off without the presence of school staff. Please keep your student in your vehicle until you are instructed what to do by the staff member present.**

- WALKERS (ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL)

No car parking will be permitted on School Lane. Parents/Guardians may not park their vehicles on School Lane or Kent Way and drop their students off to enter the school. If students arrive in a car, they should be dropped off as part of the car-rider arrival procedure (see above). If students walk to school—either accompanied or unaccompanied—they should cross with the Crossing Guard, and line-up by the traffic cones on the School Lane side of the building. No adults will be allowed into the building from the Walker entrance. All visitors need to report to the Main Office. Dismissal will take place at the same location, and walkers are expected to immediately leave the school grounds. There will be limited adult supervision after the students leave the building.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL @ 3:20

- CAR-RIDERS (DISMISSAL)

In an effort to streamline and more efficiently dismiss our large number of car-riding students in the afternoon, we will be loading cars in a double-file line at the exit on South Street, outside the gym and cafeteria lobby—instead of merging to a single file. In the long run, this should certainly help the timeliness of the car-rider line. For safety's concern, the one thing that will change is that under no circumstances will cars in line pull out ahead of cars who are actively loading students. Parents/Guardians will be issued a car tag to display to speed up the process.

The Smyrna School District does not discriminate in employment, educational programs, services or activities based on race, color, marital status, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identify, disability or any other protected category or status in accordance with state and federal laws. Inquiries should be directed to the District Superintendent.

· WALKERS (DISMISSAL)

Students will still be checked out and sent on their way by a staff member by our Guidance office. (area in the middle of the building on School Lane). They must cross solely using the crossing guard posted at the intersection of School Lane and South Street. There will be no staging area for "walkers" to be checked out by an adult or sibling, these students should immediately leave the school grounds. There will be limited adult supervision after the students leave the building. **There is very limited parking for cars on School Lane.**

Sincerely,



Cindy McNatt
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