

Good evening Little Pirate Families. This is Rebecca Smith, your Principal at Emma Love Hardee Elementary and this is Ashleigh Clark, your Assistant Principal.

We want to thank everyone for a wonderful Meet n Greet today. We had the opportunity to see lots and lots of families. We are excited for our very first day of school tomorrow, Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember, our first day tomorrow is an Early Dismissal Day. Early dismissal takes place at 1:10 PM and occurs every Wednesday.

Our car drop off time begins at 7:20 AM on the cafeteria side of the school. If you arrive before 7:20 AM, make sure your Little Pirate stays in the car until staff members are present. Please do not drop students off in the parking lot area. That area is NOT a designated safe drop off spot. All students should be in their classrooms by 7:45 AM in order to watch our morning TV announcements.

Things to remember to help the process go safely and quickly. First, please have your child ready and prepared to exit the car in the morning during drop off. Brief good-byes are always best, and it helps your child build independence and confidence. Make sure students can exit their vehicle from the right passenger side. Safety is always jeopardized if a student must be escorted between vehicles. Also, be sure to pull all the way up to the top of the loop where the last staff member is standing. Don't forget to put the blue pick-up tag on your car dashboard during pick-up, otherwise you will be asked to pull over and show identification. Remembering to follow these simple procedures will help to make a smooth and safe arrival and dismissal.

The front of the school is our bus loop and emergency vehicle zone, so please always keep that area clear. If you have any questions regarding bus routes or times, please refer to the Nassau County Schools' Transportation website. There will be no route changes or notes to ride a different bus until October. Please be aware that Susan Drive is a one-way road during arrival and dismissal times and you may only travel North bound. If your child is a walker, they must have a signed permission slip and will be escorted to the bike rack. It is important that students not walk off campus to get picked up in alternate places such as shopping centers, banks, or side neighborhood streets. That is very unsafe and not acceptable.

We realize that the first few days may be a bit hectic, so we appreciate your patience in advance. Please know that our top priority is the safety of all our Little Pirates. The process will take a little longer in the beginning, but everything should be running well by next week. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Emma Love students tomorrow for the first day!

If you have any questions, please contact our front office.

Thanks and gooooo Little Pirates!