

# **Bray-Doyle Public School**

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## Parents/Guardians,

I am so excited your family is attending Bray-Doyle Public Schools. I believe we have had a great first few days, and I am excited to see what this year brings us. We do have a few items that need to be addressed to maintain organization and safety for everyone.

### **Car Rider Safety**

- Safety for our staff and students is our top priority. A few years ago we created a one-way path around our campus. Shortly after, we began our drop-off and pick-up procedures. We feel this provides a more secure environment for our students. With this being said, we ask that you follow our one-way path in your vehicle and not walk up to drop off or pick up your child/children. If we have some people in vehicles and some people walking up, it creates chaos and our secure environment becomes less secure. Our resource officer will also be watching speed and safety.
- We are excited to have a lot of new students. As we learn names and faces, please be patient with us.
- When it is time to release students in the afternoon, PK3-Kindergarten students are taken to the cafeteria to be released first. They are watched very closely and are completely safe. Our staff uses walkie talkies to communicate with each other and we do not release a student out of the cafeteria until we see their ride. We know many schools use something in car windows to identify parents/guardians. We do not do that. We are small enough that we will recognize your vehicle before you even get close enough for us to see the identification sticker in your car window. If we do not recognize the person picking up the child, we will require identification. A staff member will walk your child to your vehicle. We ask that you stay near your vehicle and not walk towards us. Again, this makes our secure environment more secure and we have discovered it makes the pick-up line more efficient.
- When everything runs smoothly, we can have all students (bus and car) released from our campus in the afternoon in about 15 minutes. We do have a few more car riders this year, but we still believe that in a week or so we will be organized enough to still maintain this schedule.
- Our PK3-Kindergarten students are released first in the afternoon. Once you have your child/children, you can pull out of the line so the next vehicle can pull up. If you do not have a PK3-Kindergarten student, we ask that you wait to enter the pick-up line later. It makes the release time longer when the next vehicle cannot pull up.
- Be patient with us. We are going to make mistakes and we are going to have delays, but please remember that we are making sure your child is safe and we are doing what is best for them and our staff.

For the safety of everyone, please make sure you are not texting and driving in the line.

### **Bus Rider Safety**

- Bus students are not released to the buses in the afternoons until our staff sees a bus driver on
  the bus. Students will not be left on a bus alone. Once our bus drivers have completed their
  routes, they have been trained to walk to the back of the bus and then back up to the front to
  make sure no child has been left on the bus.
- We speak to all students about staying in their seats when the bus is in motion, maintaining a respectable noise level, and never running towards the bus. It is also important that students do not run to the bus or walk too close to the bus. When students walk too close to the bus, our drivers cannot see them. We encourage you to speak to your child about bus safety at home.
- Afternoons are very busy for our staff, so please call before 2:00 P.M. if there are changes to how your child will be getting home. We understand there will be emergencies, but if you let us know before 2:00 P.M., it makes the transition so much easier.

#### **Online Enrollment**

- We are excited to announce we have moved from paper enrollment to online enrollment for PK-7th grade students. At this time PK3 students will not do online enrollment and the high school does not have online enrollment set up, yet. We are working on it and it should be completed soon.
- All (new and returning)PK-7th grade parents need to complete the online enrollment steps. For many of you, it will be to double check birth dates, addresses, and phone numbers. There are also forms that are completed each year like free/reduced lunch, medical forms, corporal punishment and the McKinney-Vento form. The online enrollment process also addresses questions regarding race, ethnicity, and military status. You will be able to make sure all of these items are correct. This has been a lot of work for our staff to set up, but once it is up and running it will save time and paper. Once you have completed the process, you will be able to check grades, attendance, and pay lunch bills. PK and Kindergarten do not post grades in the Wengage system, so you will only be able to check their attendance. If you have not completed the online enrollment process, we will contact you after August 19th. We do understand that internet connectivity is difficult in our area. You may contact us at 580.658.5070 ext. 2 to set up an appointment to complete the enrollment on our campus or for any questions.
- Last year, all students' meals were free through a federal grant. That grant has ended and PK-12th grade students will begin purchasing meals again. We encourage everyone to complete the free/reduced lunch form.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at 580.658.5070 ext. 2. Let's work together and make this a great year for our students!!!

Thanks for everything you do, Mrs. Heinrich Elementary Principal