

We are excited and encouraged by all of the support and discussion regarding our improved security procedures. We feel it is necessary to explain several items in order to address some good questions raised by community members. Our campus employee hours are in line with all of the campuses in the district. General teaching staff arrives at 7:15 and are to begin duty at 7:20. This is why we will have staff available for car rider line beginning at 7:20. This does not affect students that ride the school buses as we have staff members that are apportioned to assist them at different times according to transportation schedules. Students that ride the busses do tend to arrive earlier than 7:20, but we have alternative staff available for those students. This is the reason our cafeteria starts serving breakfast at 7:15 and continues to service students until around 7:50 each day. We do not turn students away from breakfast and encourage students to get a good meal to start the school day. If a school bus or student arrives late due to weather, traffic issues, mechanical breakdown or any other unforeseen issue, we will encourage and allow our students to eat breakfast. We will have the front gate locked at all times and require visitors to check in at the front office in accordance with all campuses in our district. We feel and know that our children's safety is the utmost importance and we want to put "eyes" on everyone who visits the campus. We want to encourage parent involvement and highlight that parents are able to visit the campus, eat with students, attend functions and drop off classroom items, but everyone must do so after checking in at the front office. This is a safety procedure that has been implemented on each campus in the district. We also want to remind community members that we now have 24 hour video surveillance and maglocks on every campus. We also want to elaborate on the educational school trip policy. There are trips that we will attend this year that are designed for the student learning much akin to a classroom experience. Each grade k-3 has selected one such activity for the year. We will have ample staff present and to clarify we will utilize additional certified district staff and / or district substitutes while on these trips. Parents and guardians will be invited and encouraged to join us for trips and activities that include the pumpkin patch, egg hunt, water day, speed day, book parade, pep rallies, open house, meet the teacher, family nights, pancakes with parents, grandparent days and graduation / award ceremonies. It is our intent to provide many positive interactive opportunities for community members. We have had and will continue to have additional staff and security during these events. I understand parents being upset by the educational field trip policy, but we want to provide a safe and inclusive classroom experience on these trips. Some grade level trips also required split days in order to accommodate appropriate audience numbers. We are also trying to expand our programs and opportunities for parent involvement throughout the school year so that everyone has a chance to embrace student success. We appreciate community members taking notice and articulating their concerns with every aspect of our campus programs. Our goals continue to foster a safer and more productive learning experience.