

Dear Families,

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As part of our climate goal this year we are working towards a positive discipline approach. The staff is working together to set goals for behavior in different areas of the school - hallways, bathrooms, the cafeteria, etc.

Our first focal point is drop-off and pick-up. We'd especially like to stream-line the afternoon pick-up time. Beginning on Monday, we are reorganizing the structure of dismissal. This will take some cooperation from parents in order to work successfully.

In order to maintain a quick, efficient and safe dismissal, we have created a "Grab 'n Go" area for walking parents to pick up their children. If you are picking up a child, please stand in front of the classes by the sidewalk. Then please "grab" your child and clear the area so teachers can see the next parent or car easily. If you are used to waiting on benches by the school, please move to the sidewalk so that we are all dismissing to the front.

Kindergarten will be over by the new ESL classrooms to the west, then in order we'll have 3rd, 2nd, 4th, 1st and 5th grades. This is designed to align with the classrooms children exit from, and 5th grade will exit from the east doors and come around to the front.

We're hoping this helps us all get our children home safely and quickly.

Thank you,
Rosemary