



Little Falls School No. 2

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Dear School No. 2 Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation. It was so wonderful to see many of you at the library and our annual summer meet and greet. This year our district theme is "Everyone Counts". The theme is centered around student voice. Student voice creates personalized learning, builds problem solving skills, fosters engagement, and ultimately creates purpose. Another activity to support our theme, "Everyone Counts" is Mrs. Marinelli's "All About Me" activity. I have attached mine, please take a look! I can't wait to decorate our building with all of yours!

As we move into our new school year please review the **new** arrival procedures as well as our **first day of school** and **dismissal** procedures.

Morning Arrival Procedures:

There will **no longer be Early Morning Drop Off** which included **dropping your child off between 8:15am and 8:45am using the car line in the upper parking lot**. There will no longer be cones and or staff to assist children in and out of vehicles at any time during morning arrival.

However we will allow students to enter the building as early at 8:40am using the procedures below.

8:40am-9:00am- Traditional drop off. Parents must park in the parent parking lot located on DeYoung Drive and walk their child to the **gym doors** located on Long Hill Road. Students will be allowed into the building no earlier than 8:40am. If you choose to walk your child up the path located on Morningside Circle or walk your child onto our blacktop they will enter the building through the cafeteria door. There will be a staff member opening and monitoring each of these doors from 8:40am until 9:00am.

If you are in need of childcare prior to 8:40am, you may contact our SACC program for registration information and rates.

These procedures will start the second day of school, Friday September 6th and will continue for the remainder of the school year. First day procedures are outlined below.

First Day of School Arrival Procedures- Thursday September 5th!

Children will line up outside on our blacktop, weather permitting, starting at 8:45am. Parents must walk their child to the blacktop where they will find a cone with their teacher's name. As always we will have an exciting opening day with music and pictures! Please make sure to take a first day photo by our large outdoor blackboard!

Dismissal Procedures: All students will be dismissed at 3:20pm. Preschool PM and Kindergarten students will dismiss from the main entrance. Grade 2 will be dismissed from the second grade door (door closest to the map on the blacktop), and grade one will be dismissed from the first grade door (door in the right corner of the building). Children will only be dismissed to parents, guardians, or individuals listed on the emergency pick up list.

Please do not arrive at the school prior to arrival and dismissal in order to secure a parking spot in our upper lot as parents are not permitted to park there. The Little Falls Police Department will be present to ensure that the upper lot is being utilized for staff and buses only as the safety of the children is our first priority. Parent parking is available in our lower lot located on De Young Drive during arrival, dismissal, and as well as throughout the school day.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer! Relax, enjoy the warm weather, late nights, and time with family and friends! I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Castaldo, Principal

