



New Haven Elementary

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Dear New Haven Families,

This has been a long time in the making, but we are revamping how we do parent pickup. Earlier in the year we did a parent survey for suggestions, I've personally met with several parents, and I recently met with our transportation department and consulted with our sheriff's department regarding how our dismissal looks currently, and what we need to do to make it more efficient and safe for everyone. Our parents came up with some very good ideas that we are going to implement. It is not a secret that we are running out of parking, and that dismissal has become dangerous with the cars parked along US Hwy 42. Combine that issue with the amount of students that are picked up at the end of the day, and it has become a concern that can no longer be avoided.

Beginning this 2017-2018 school year, we will be moving our parent pickup to the front and side of our building after the busses dismiss. This will delay parent pickup to about 3:45-3:50. We are sending this information out now because we are aware that club and appointment scheduling will be affected by this change. If your child is a permanent pick up, you will be given a visible car rider # in which you will drive through the loop and we will send your child out to you. If your child is a daily pickup then you will wait for the buses to be dismissed and then meet our teachers at the end of A hallway where you will still need to show your ID. Unfortunately, we are unable to run these two dismissal options (busses & pickup) simultaneously because we are needing to shift our busses as well due to the increased amount of students at dismissal time. We will have busses parked within our loop and will now have 9 busses parked along our large lot. This will also change how our daycare providers pick up as well. Previously, the daycare vans have waited in the large lot and we have walked those students out. Unfortunately, we now need that area in our lot for busses, so daycare providers will have to be included in the parent pickup procedures.

We will provide more specific information regarding the process and will be assigning the car rider numbers at our Open House Night, which we hope that you can attend. Knowing transportation needs prior to school allows for every child to get home on time. I know that this will change timing for many, but the safety need has to be our first priority. As we work through the change, I know that the routine will also make the timing more efficient. I'm sure there will be obstacles to overcome, but I believe that we can collectively work through them to ensure that dismissal is safe for everyone.

Thank you again for your suggestions and perspective on this need.

Regards,

Mary Goble, Principal

