



Mountain View Elementary School

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Melanie T. Camden, Principal

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Dear Little Wildcat Families,

After much planning and careful consideration, we have decided to make changes to our arrival procedures to increase safety for our students, families, and community members. Beginning on Thursday, September 26th, our arrival procedures will switch to closely resemble our dismissal procedures.

On Thursday, September 26th, parents will enter the west parking lot closest to the walking track and loop through the parking lot proceeding to the front of the school. This is the same as our dismissal traffic flow. For the first few days, cones will be at the entrance of our parking lot to guide traffic and at the start of the arrival line to mark how far to pull forward in front of the school. If you are a parent that utilizes the handicap parking spots at door #10, please stay in the car loop and take a right at the handicap parking spots. Due to safety, we don't want any traffic crossover in the mornings.

There will be staff members available at the front of the school to unload your child beginning at 7:40AM. Do not let your child exit the vehicle until directed by a staff member. We kindly request that you not exit your vehicle at arrival to keep traffic moving smoothly. To reduce cars sitting on the roadway, please move forward as much as possible. There is no need for a gap to be maintained for vehicles to come into the handicapped parking lot since they will stay in the car arrival line.

Buses will pull into the east parking lot by our playground. Staff will unload elementary students first, and then middle school and high school students will board their connecting bus. If you have a student that attends MRMS or RCHS, your student will exit the car in the line and walk down the sidewalk to the correct bus. Be aware that connecting buses leave at approximately 7:45AM.

While we know that change during the school year is hard, we believe this decision will improve our arrival procedures. Please be patient as we work through the change and fine-tune our arrival process at Mountain View Elementary School.

Respectfully,

Melanie T. Camden, Principal

Deputy Fitzgerald, SRO

Randy Walters, Director of Transportation