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**VISITOR PARKING—IMPORTANT**

Please utilize the designated front parking spaces if you have school business to take care of between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The back parking lot is limited to faculty parking only and will be gated to secure the campus between the hours of 7:40 a.m. and 1:55 p.m. Due to the flow and safety of the car drop off line, parents are not permitted to park in the faculty lot at any time to walk their children to class. If your child needs assistance, school personnel are available to escort children to class. **There is also no parking in the front driveway of the school as this is where our buses will pull up to load and unload.** Thank you for your assistance.

**CAR RIDER DROP-OFF / PICK-UP**

Just a few reminders:

- Car drop off begins at 7:00 a.m. in the rear of the school, and students may report to the dining room for breakfast. Students may begin reporting to their classrooms at 7:15 a.m.
- **No left turns into the school are permitted between 7:10 - 7:40 and 1:40 - 2:30.**
- Please use the front car path for car pick-up and drop-off. The drive into the campus on the north end of the campus by FHEL is designated for school and district employee use. **Parking on the grass during arrival or dismissal is prohibited.** Due to the large volume of cars traveling on the car path, we cannot have any cars backing up into the flow of vehicles. However, if the grass area is free from excessive water, volunteers may park on the grass during the school day.
- If you are picking up your child by car, please form a line at the crosswalk in front of the school. A faculty member will begin sending cars to the rear of the school at approximately 1:50 p.m. This procedure will allow the Bevis bus and daycare vans to arrive at the front of the school in a timely manner. **DO NOT DRIVE TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AND HAVE YOUR CHILD JUMP OUT/IN.**

**SCHOOL PICTURES—SEPTEMBER 9TH**

An order form will go home the week of August 29th.

**STUDENT CHECKOUT TIMES—IMPORTANT!!**



For the safety of your child, any student who must leave prior to dismissal will be released from the office only after being signed out by an adult whose name appears on the emergency card. The **LAST TIME** to sign your child out on Mondays is 12:15 and Tuesday-Friday is 1:15 due to the transitions necessary for a safe dismissal. Thank you!

**DISMISSAL AND UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER**

—We work very hard to ensure the safety of our students and will do everything we can to implement regular dismissal procedures so students can avoid implementing a new plan. However, due to the unpredictable Florida weather, the decision to call Rainy Day or not is left to the discretion of administration and is based on the weather at the time students are to be released. Since weather patterns are monitored closely, and lightning detectors are utilized, decisions are made closer to the time they leave their classrooms. Declaring a Rainy Day too soon, can be equally challenging, as weather can clear up prior to dismissal, creating additional confusion. We will make that decision and communicate via Parent-link by 1:45 Tuesday-Friday and 12:45 on Mondays. **If these procedures create an inconvenience for you or confusion for your children, we urge you to declare one procedure to consistently utilize rain or shine.** Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our fabulous PTA, Parents and LawnTags for providing a delicious meal and a warm welcome back to our entire staff and students during our first week back to school.

**EARLY RELEASE MONDAYS - 12:55**

Just a reminder that every Monday will be an early release dismissal at 12:55. These early release days will provide teachers across the district with valuable planning time.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 8/15 **12:55—Early Release**
- 8/19 Rays Spirit Shirt Day
- 8/22 **12:55—Early Release**
- 8/23 Election Day  
8:00 a.m.—Volunteer Orientation
- 8/24 8:00 a.m.—Media Center Volunteer Training
- 8/25 8:00 a.m.—Homeroom Parent Meeting  
8:45 a.m.—Lunch Bunch Training
- 8/26 Favorite Vacation Spot Spirit Shirt Day
- 8/29 **12:55—Early Release**
- 8/30 5:30-6:30—Parent Information Night
- 9/2 Red, White, and Blue Spirit Shirt Day
- 9/5 **No School—Labor Day**
- 9/9 Fall Picture Day—Fall Picture Attire
- 9/13 **12:55—Early Release**
- 9/16 Spirit Shirt Day

