

Kennedy News

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Welcome Back to School!

We are so happy that our students are back and that the year is successfully underway. It's always an exciting time of year for everyone; students, parents and teachers are all happy to begin the new school year. I know the staff is planning many exciting projects/events for your children as the year progresses.

Entry and Dismissal Procedures— PLEASE READ!

Our hallways are extremely congested at the beginning and end of the day. The procedures are to make the hallways safer for our students, not more difficult for you. Please help by accommodating what we are asking of you except in extreme emergencies.

Entry: Students are not to be dropped off at school earlier than 7:45AM. If your child is earlier than 7:45AM, they will be required to wait in the vestibule at the office entrance or outside that same entrance. At 7:45AM students can move to either the cafeteria for breakfast

or to their lockers. If your child goes to their locker, they will be asked to sit in front of their locker and read or do homework after they put away their belongings. We request that after this first week, parents do not walk their children to their lockers. If you do need to come in, please use the sign-in procedure and wear a guest/visitor badge.

Dismissal: At 3:21, teachers will bring those students who walk to school or who are picked up to their dismissal door (kindergarten by the blue hallway, all others by the main door). Bus students will then be walked to their spot in the school to wait for their bus to come. We

Parking Lot

Please park only in lined parking spaces. Please do not leave your car parked illegally and unattended.

When picking up your students, drive with caution. Remember, our students' safety is primary!

Also, remember that the Northfield entrance is for busses only. Please do not drop off your children at the Northfield door. This is particularly important this year because we have eight busses that drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon.

ask that after the first week of school parents do not come into school to pick up their children. Please arrange a spot outside to meet up with your children. If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please wait until the hallways clear and come in no earlier than 3:30PM, or call your child's teacher to make an appointment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Websites!

Almost all of Ferndale School District's staff now have individual websites. These websites will be used to update you on homework assignments, upcoming events in classrooms, and general information. I encourage you to visit our websites and let us know what other information you would like to see within them. You can access the web pages through the district's website via the Kennedy Staff Contacts/Website link. Ms. DeRousha's website has been recently updated to include the annual report from 2007-08.

INTRODUCING!

It is our pleasure to introduce two new staff members! Ms. Amy Holmes is teaching the half day Open kindergarten class in the morning and the First Fives in the afternoon. Amy is a former student teacher in our building and is a welcome addition to our staff. Our other new staff member is Ms. Donna Walimaa. Donna is our new art teacher! She is at JFK in the morning and then teaches at FHS in the afternoon. As many of you know, Donna is a JFK parent as well as a former substitute teacher/lunch monitor.

**WELCOME TO BOTH MS. HOLMES AND
MRS. WALIMAA!**

After School Child Care

Kennedy offers after school child care. Latch key runs after school from 3:21-6:00PM. If you frequently need to pick up your child after 3:30PM, you should consider latch key services. Call the school for information about pricing.

Attendance

Please report your child's absence at 248-547-0880 (press 2). Also, call that number if your child is going to be late and needs a hot lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Dates to Remember

September 8: PTA's Ice Cream Social, 6:30PM

September 10: First PTA meeting, 6:30PM

September 10: Open Classroom PAC meeting, 7:30PM

September 11: Market Day orders due

September 19: Market Day Pick Up

September 24: Count Day

September 25: Picture Day

October 7: PTA meeting, 6:30PM

October 7: Open Classroom PAC meeting, 7:30PM

October 14: MEAP Math test, grades 3-6

October 16: MEAP Language Arts test, grades 3-6

October 23: MEAP science and social studies tests, grades 5 & 6.