



Lakewood Falls ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



2019-2020 Drop off and Pick Up Information (Revised 8/10/2019)



Lakewood Falls Families!

As promised last year, our goal this summer was to explore every possible option in making our parking lot safer while also trying to reduce unnecessary waiting time. While your time is extremely important to us, we WILL NOT speed up any process at the risk of safety. The safety of our staff and students is our number one priority at dismissal. We are proud to announce that our outstanding PTA has agreed to help us move into to 21st century by funding the purchase of an online/cell phone app program called Pikmykid.com. It means a lot to me to know that our PTA is equally as committed to student safety! Pikmykid is a company that specializes in the development of safe & smart dismissal solutions for schools/districts. We will be the first school in the district to utilize such a program.

The program does not officially start until early September as the company is still in the evaluation process. They will be out on the first few days of school to explore our grounds, monitor traffic patterns, etc. They will then develop the best (and safest) possible solution for our PM traffic dilemma. Please be patient as we will stay with the old system for just a few more weeks. Once the program is up and running, you will get additional information as well as how to sign up for the free app. In the meantime, feel free to explore www.pikmykid.com for more information.

Beginning on Day 1:

AM Car Rider Drop Off Procedures (ALL STUDENTS)

AM drop off will continue to be one lane. This will continue so that students do not have to cross several lanes of traffic. If you follow the expectations below, it moves rather quickly.

- Students can be dropped off beginning at 8:35am (8:30am on cold or wet days). Doors open at 8:40am. Breakfast in the classroom starts at 8:40am
- When entering the lane, please pull up as far as possible in line (following traffic). Please DO NOT stop until you are up as far as you can go. DO NOT leave a gap.
- When traffic stops, be sure that your child(ren) are ready to exit the car quickly.
- Students can exit to the right (school side) anywhere along the curb. Just pull all the way up before allowing them to exit.
- Please DO NOT exit your car for any reason. If you need to get out, please pull all the way through the line so you don't hold up traffic.
- Once your child is out of the car, please exit quickly (but safely) paying close attention.

- Please DO NOT park in the parking lot unless you intend to come into the front office. We have relocated the guest parking spots so you will need to enter the car rider line even if you intend to park. Only staff will be allowed to go through the second lane.

AM Kindergarten Pick up at 11:45am

This will remain the same as last year. AM kindergarten students will be dismissed out the B doors in the front of the school. Parents will need to pull up to the front of the school and visually see the teacher. Teachers will then escort our students to the car.

PM Pick up at 3:30pm

If you have only a kindergarten student. . .

- You will enter the parking lot at the rear of our school by turning into onto Oregon Dr. (into the O development). Make a quick right onto Oakdale Dr. The back entrance of the school will be on your left.
- Once in our parking lot, you will proceed to the right and follow the parking lot around to the front of the school.
- The kindergarten only pick-up location will be just before the crosswalk.
- Kindergarten students are dismissed a few minutes early in order to get them to the location
- Please be aware that you will only be allowed to turn right out of the parking lot.
- Again, this is only for parents that are picking up kindergarten only. If you have older children, they will all be dismissed together through the three car rider lines in front of the school.

If you have students in grades 1-5 or kindergarten students with older siblings; all of these students will be dismissed out the B Doors.

- There will now be three lanes in the front of the school. Please pull in and chose any of the three lanes. All lanes will be able to exit right or left.
- All three lanes will be filled up and then held until all cars are loaded. Please pull all the way up.
- Staff will be at the front and rear of each line holding cars. This ensures the safety of students crossing traffic lanes.
- Once all cars are filled, our front staff will direct lanes out in the proper order.
- Again, our goal is to have all cars dismissed in under 15 minutes. Please be patient the first few days until students, staff and parents learn the new process.
- We highly encourage you /and or you child to walk as often as possible. We were designed as a walking school.

Our entire Lakewood Falls staff is excited for a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Winters

