

News From the Nest

April 26th, 2024

Eaglets to Eagles, We Soar on the Wings of Knowledge

Principal's Corner

Dear Eagle Families,

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, I want to extend a warm thank you to each and every one of you for embracing me as part of the ERES community. While Principal Campbell is still away for a few more weeks, we miss her dearly and eagerly await her return.

It's incredible how swiftly this school year has flown by. We now find ourselves in the last month of the 2023-24 academic journey. Recently, we completed state testing for grades 3-6 and conducted mClass assessments for our K-3 students. These assessments provide valuable insights into your child's academic growth.

The end of the school year is filled with excitement and anticipation, with many wonderful events planned for students and families. Keep an eye out for newsletters from teachers and the school administration for details. Additionally, below, you'll find information on how to sign up to volunteer for Field Day and Teacher Appreciation Week. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support of our school. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. My door is always open, and I'm here to help. You can reach me at stone_maranda@asdk12.org or (907) 742-3000.

Warm regards,
Maranda Stone - Acting Principal

Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10th

Help us show our amazing teachers and staff how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication! We have events planned throughout the week and are looking for volunteers to help with the events or provide supplies for the week. Please scan the QR code below to see how you can get involved.

**SCAN
HERE!**



May						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					School Lunch Hero Day	Super Sweepers 10am - 2pm
					POPCORN FRIDAY!	
					Optional Spring Potluck & Elections @ 5:30pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
STEM WEEK	National Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6th - May 10th					
	Class Colors Day		National School Nurses Day	PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
STEM WEEK		Spring Choir Concert @6:30pm		Band/Orchestra Concert @ 2:30pm	4th Quarter Award Ceremony @ 1:30pm	
Mother's Day	Spirit Week - Themes to be announced soon!					
			Field Day			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ART WEEK			Last Day of School!			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Memorial Day					

Yearbook Orders - LAST CALL

Today is the last day to submit orders for yearbook purchases! Orders can be placed online through ParentConnect or by bringing in \$15 cash to the front office. Please be sure to fill out an order form *regardless of your method of payment*. We will not be ordering any extras, so order now before you miss the chance!

ERES 23-24 Yearbook Order Form.pdf

ERES 23-24 Yearbook Order Form

[Download](#)

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Popcorn Friday - May 3rd!

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Popcorn Friday event in April! It was a big success! Mark your calendars for the last one of the year on May 3rd. Please have students bring their \$0.25 to their classroom teacher before the end of the day Thursday, May 2nd to participate.



P.E. Updates from Coach Fullmer

I can't believe the school year is starting to come to an end. We have been having so much fun playing striker ball, learning about being safe around water, and improving our basketball skills. Our focus now turns towards preparing for field day. We will be reviewing the games that will be at field day. Field day will be May 15th from 9:30-11:30 AM. We are going to be doing a school wide field day this year. All classes will be out having fun at the same time.

We are asking and looking for volunteers to help run stations and monitor students. Subway will be catering lunch for everyone as well. We are so appreciative to all those who can help out. Just be sure to have your volunteer form filled out so you are approved to come.

Thanks,
Coach Fullmer



Field Day Volunteer Sign-up

ASD Volunteer Application

Lookout From the Library

We have a couple of updates to share from Mrs. Campbell in the library. First, the very last day to checkout library books will be May 3rd, next week Friday. ALL checked out library items are due back by the following week, Friday May 10th.

Second, for the past week months, the library has been caring for salmon eggs that hatched into little alevin and have now grown into little fish ready to swim free! Please join us next weekend on May 4th, 1pm at Mirror Lake to release the salmon into the wild.

Lastly, we are so excited to get our summer garden up and running this summer, and are hoping for more sun than we got last summer. We will be looking for volunteers to help care for the garden by watering, weeding, etc., green thumb not required. Please be on the lookout for future communications that will include a sign-up link for interested families.

Join Us! PTO Meeting May 9th at 5:30pm

Calling all families to help make our PTO official! Please join us at the meeting to help vote in board members and bylaws. We need your help to get this organization up and running!

PTO Quick Facts:

Vision:

- To cultivate a sense of community and connection for parents, students and staff
- Provide fun events for families to gather and get to know one another
- Facilitate fundraising opportunities to support classroom needs, student field trips and other learning opportunities

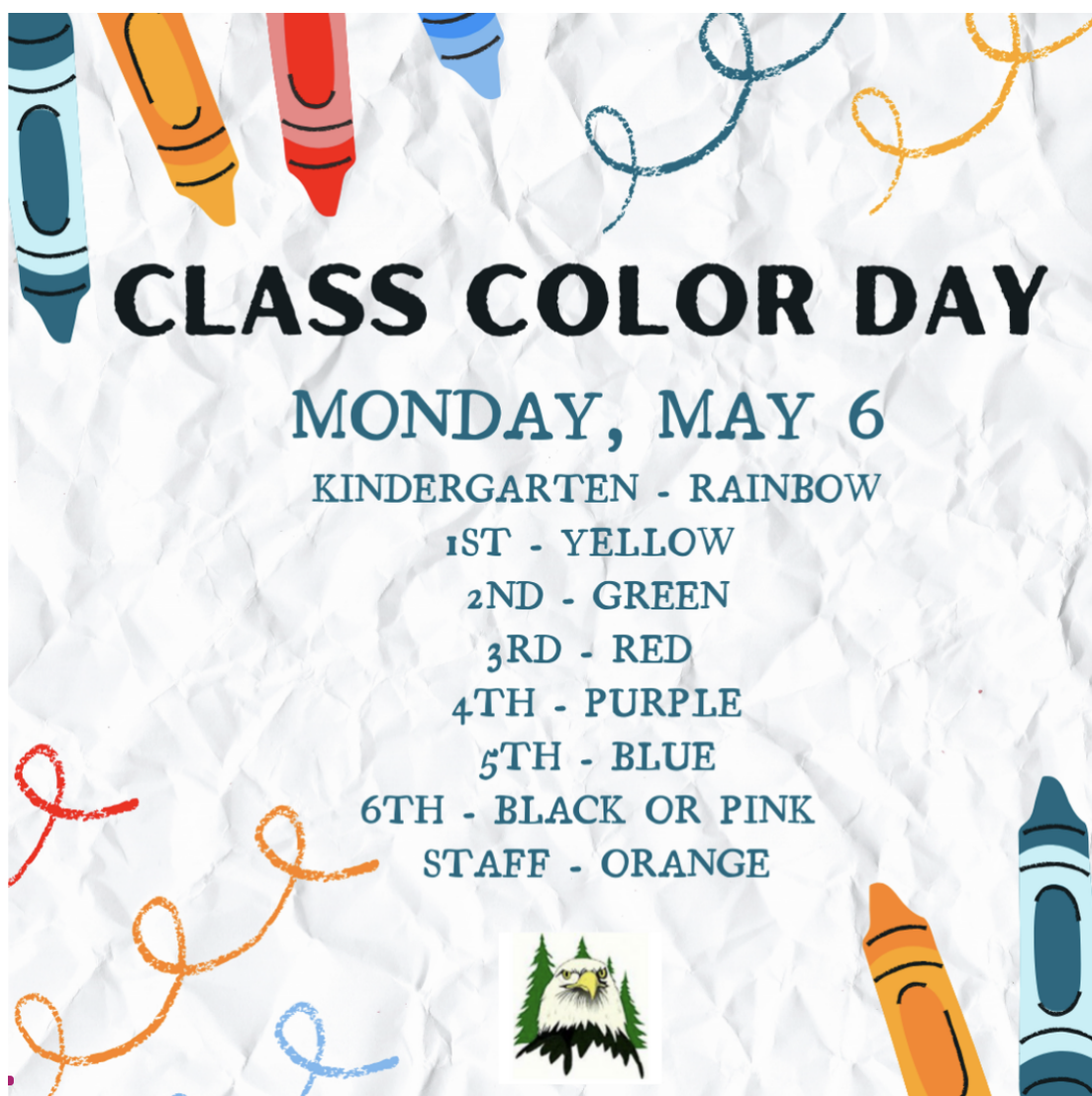
Who can join? Any member of Eagle River Elementary (parents, caregivers, teachers and staff)

No Cost/No Commitment: No dues! No commitment or mandatory meetings! Do what you can...any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Board Positions: We do have two board positions open for the 24/25 school year. Please consider joining the board as Treasurer or Secretary. No prior experience needed. Contact EREaglesPTO@gmail.com for more information.

Thanks for reading!

Class Color Day!



ERE Pantry - Donations Needed

Our food pantry is running low on a few staples and would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti sauce
- Kid Cereal
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Rice
- Snacks
- Condiments/Spices
- Chicken canned
- Side dishes like boxed Mac'n'Cheese, instant potatoes, etc.

Please do not send as we already have a healthy supply of:

- Ramen or Cup-of Noodles
- Milk (shelf-stable)
- Canned beans, corn, green beans, or tuna

If you ever find yourself in need of the food pantry's services, we are here to help! Please reach out to Nurse Jen at brusehaber_jennife@asdk12.org (r left of intentionally) or Mr. Barton. We are here to support our students and families in anyway that we can.



Homework Club - Last Day May 3rd

Thank you parents for a great year of Afterschool Homework Club. As we quickly approach the end of the school year our last day of homework club will be on Friday, May 3rd.

The students have logged many hours working on spelling practice and Boost to improve their reading skills. They have also participated in fluency flight a math facts program.

We hope you all have a wonderful end to the school year!

Thank you,

The ERE Homework Club Staff

Car Seats In Alaska - Infographic

Car Seats in Alaska
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Recommendations

Rear-Facing Car Seats
Rear-facing car seats as long as possible until the highest height or weight limit of the seat.

Forward-Facing Car Seats
Forward-facing car seats from the time they outgrow rear-facing seats for most children through at least 4 years of age.

Booster Seats
Belt positioning booster seats from the time they outgrow forward-facing seats for most children through at least 8 years of age.

Seat Belt
Keep your child in a booster seat until big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. The seat belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest.

AAP recommends that all children **younger than 13** years ride in the back seat of vehicles

Alaska Law requires:

- Children less than 1 year of age or children older than 1 year but less than 20 pounds to be secured in a rear-facing car seat
- Children 1 to 4 years weighing over 20 pounds to be properly secured in an appropriate child restraint
- Children over 4 and less than 8 years of age who are under 4'9" and less than 65 pounds to be properly secured in a car seat or booster seat

Schedule a Car Seat Check Up:

- Anchorage Fire Department
907-267-5045
- Center for Safe Alaskans, Anchorage
907-929-3939
- Fairbanks Safe Rider
907-458-7233
- Juneau Police Department
907-586-0600
- Safe Kids Alaska
907-212-3194
- Safe Kids Kenai Peninsula
907-714-4539
- Safe Kids Mat-Su
907-352-1229
- Find a local CPS Technician:
cert.safekids.org

Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians are available throughout Alaska to help you determine if you are using the right car seat or booster seat and if it is installed correctly.

www.CarSeatsAK.org

Alaska Highway Safety Office
Alaska Law requires ALL passengers regardless of age to use a seat belt or appropriate restraint (car seat or booster seat) device. The driver of the car is responsible for all passengers under the age of 16 to be properly restrained in the vehicle.
Alaska Statute AS 28.05.095

Forward Zero Deaths

****The information below will remain on the Newsletter for your reference***

ERE Mission and Vision Statements and Collective Commitments

We have been working hard during our PLC time! It has been incredibly valuable to have this time each week to have collegial conversations and to collaborate to develop our mission and vision as well as our collective commitments for our students here at ERE! I am proud of the work our staff is doing and am excited for where we are headed.

Mission: At ERE we will provide a safe and positive learning environment for the success of all our students, accomplished through engagement, motivation and perseverance.

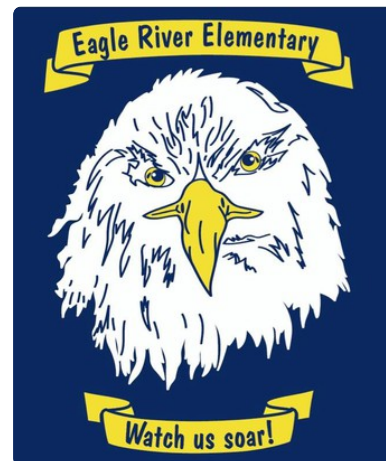
Vision: ERE will strive to create successful, happy lifelong learners.

Our Collective Commitments:

ERE is committed to strong core academic skills focused on math literacy and reading comprehension.

ERE is committed to ensuring students learn conflict resolution and emotional regulation skills and take personal responsibility.

ERE is committed to helping students develop a growth mindset, to focus, persevere and problem solve.



Daily Schedule

Below is Eagle River Elementary's usual schedule. Our schedule is subject to change without warning, but we will do our best to communicate any unanticipated, sudden schedule changes.

Monday:

- School doors open at 9:45 for students and school begins at 10:00. Students arriving before 9:45 will be directed to the MPR aka lunch room where they will wait until 9:45 with the option of sitting quietly or reading a book.
- Breakfast begins at 9:50 and is eaten in the classroom.

Tuesday through Friday:

- School doors open at 8:45 for students and school begins at 9:00. Students may not be dropped off early to wait.
- Breakfast begins at 8:50 and is eaten in the classroom
- 11:30-11:50 lunch for Hemphill, Eads, & Jones then recess 11:55-12:15
- 11:30-11:50 recess for Kindred, Cano, McCloud, Snell then lunch 11:55-12:15
- 12:25-12:45 lunch for King, Hahn, Spain, & Sorensen then recess 12:50-1:10
- 12:25-12:45 recess for Reynolds, Dolan & Long then lunch 12:50-1:10
- Dismissal is at 3:30 each day

School grounds are closed from 8:30 to 4:00. After dismissal, students must go home first and then are welcome to return after 4:00 to play on the playground.

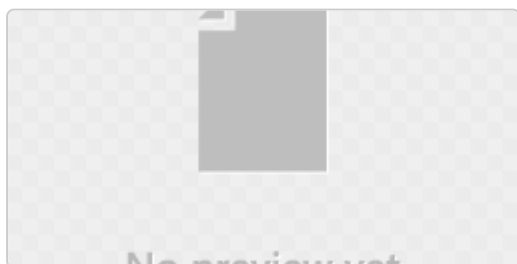
ERE Family Dashboard

We have created a dashboard of quick links (shortcuts) to help our families find what they are looking for quickly and easily! More links will be added as different events happen throughout the school year. If there is a link you think would be helpful, please let us know! We want this to be a user-friendly tool. Please bookmark the Family Dashboard. It can also be found in the parent resources folder and on our school website.

ERE Family Dashboard - Quick Links

Fred Meyer Rewards

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and choose Eagle River Elementary. This is a great way to earn funds to support student activities!



Fred Meyer Community Rewards - Fred Meyer

Learn more about how you can help raise funds for community schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations. Our community rewards program makes it easy. Learn more about Fred Meyer Community Rewards.

🔗 fredmeyer.com

Remote Learning Resources and ZOOM Links

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

On Monday, school begins at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am. If your student arrives before 9:45 am on PLC Mondays, they will be brought into the building and students will sit in the MPR/lunchroom with the choice to read or sit quietly until 9:45 am when the bell rings. Our breakfast service will continue and will start at 9:45 am.

On Tuesday through Friday, students will be let in at 8:45 and there will be no supervision until then. **Students will not be allowed to wait before 8:45. Please time your child's arrival so they are here no earlier than 8:45.** We appreciate your help with this so we can make sure students are supervised and safe!

- Student drop off will be at the stop sign at the front corner of the building and students will enter the front door. **Students will not be allowed to be dropped off until 8:45**
- All students enter through the front door
- Students will enter the building and sit on the floor outside their classrooms where they will be supervised by staff until the 8:50am (Kindergarten Students will sit in the front hallway)

Dismissal

- Car riders will be called by tag number from the MPR or classroom to the pick up lanes
- Walkers will be dismissed at the bell
- Tae Kwon Do and Bright Beginnings and Boys and Girls Club will be dismissed at the bell to wait at the front entry benches
- Student attending the Y go to the gym at the bell
- Bus riders will wait in groups by bus number outside weather permitting or wait in room 3
- If bus is out front at dismissal, office will let staff know.
- Students and families will not be allowed to return to classrooms after the dismissal bell

We need your help! If you are waiting for your child outside the front door with siblings, please remember that the blue concrete circles are for sitting only and not standing. Please also make sure that children are not climbing the blue columns outside the front door. Dogs may not be brought onto school grounds from 8:30-4:00 while students are present. If you walk your dog to school to drop off or pick up your child, please wait across the crosswalk or off school grounds.

Breakfast/Lunch Menus and Payments

Below is the link to access the breakfast and lunch menus for Eagle River Elementary, as well as the rest of ASD's schools. Please remember that there may be substitutions as needed.

Did you know you may qualify for free or greatly reduced lunch prices? To apply for the free/reduced lunch program, families will need to go online to schoolcafe.com/anchorage and click "Apply for Benefits" after creating an account if you do not already have one. Paper applications may be mailed in to ASD Student Nutrition department or dropped off at the school/Student Nutrition Center. For more direct instructions please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13246>.

Families may add funds to a student's account by logging into ParentConnect/Q, clicking on their student's name, clicking "ASD Quick Links" and then "Online Payments". For direct instructions, please visit <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13241>

Breakfast Cost: \$3.00, \$0.30 reduced; Lunch Cost: \$4.75, \$0.40 reduced

Menus via SchoolCafe

Volunteering for ERES

If you would like to be considered for volunteer activities at Eagle River Elementary, please submit an application at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771>. All interested in volunteering MUST submit an application, regardless if you were and approved volunteer last year. Once received online, applications take approx. 7-10 days to process. We highly encourage online applications as paper applications can take even longer and we will not be approving volunteer applications on site.

To figure out what volunteer opportunities there are, please reach out to your student's teacher to let them know you are interested in volunteering. Otherwise, look for communication from the

school and/or your teacher for open volunteer opportunities.

At this time, only approved volunteers, staff, and students (of course!) may enter the school past our front office. If you are not an approved volunteer, we unfortunately cannot allow you to volunteer that day. We will not be able to approve applications on site and last minute. Thank you families for your willingness to help out at our school!

Volunteer Sign Up

School Policy Reminders

Eagle River Elementary's policy for late drop-off is that families must come in and sign late students in. If families are picking a student up before the end of the day, then they must come to the front office to sign students out. The office staff will not call students down before an authorized pick-up person is physically in the front office.

For late drop-off and early pick-up, the bus lane may be used **only** from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Families that use the bus lane after 3pm will be asked to relocate their vehicle before taking their student. We understand that the parking lot becomes congested in the afternoon and encourage families to plan accordingly. Additional parking is available in the empty lot across from the First Baptist Church on Monte.

We are unable to microwave food for students for lunch. Please plan accordingly.

Lastly, cell phone use in the front office is strictly prohibited to maintain student confidentiality and FERPA regulations. Visitors using cell phones in the office will be asked to end their conversation or step into the vestibule to finish. We appreciate your understanding!

How is Your Student Getting Home?

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to Eagle River Elementary, and we want to make sure our students get home safely. Please plan out and communicate to your student and your student's teacher how they will get home every day.

Any changes to the way your student is getting home at the end of the day **MUST** be reported to the office by 3:00pm. The end of the day is a hectic time and last minute changes are extremely difficult to communicate to students. We ask families to communicate changes directly to the office, not to your student's teacher. Teachers are busy instructing students and may not see emails, Remind messages, etc. before the end of the day, thus resulting in your student not leaving how they need to be. If you have a change to how your student is getting home that is long term, please make sure to let your child's teacher know as well as the office.

To help students understand how/where they will leave the building at the end of the day, Eagle River Elementary uses three groupings to differentiate their dismissal routine: parent pick-up, walkers, and bus riders. It is important families know the difference between these groups so students are not confused how they are getting home.

- If your student will be picked up in a car, then they are considered parent pick-up. Your student must be able to get in and out of your vehicle without assistance for parent pick-up. If they aren't able to do so, families will need to park and meet their student at the front.
- If your student walks home or you will meet them in front of the building, they are considered walkers.
- Students that ride a school bus, go to Bright Beginnings, Taekwondo, or go to the Boys & Girls Club are bus riders. Please make sure your student clearly understands how they are getting home.

ERES uses a car tag number system and each family is assigned a specific number. Please hang your car tag on your rear-view mirror so staff in the parent pick-up area know what students go to each car.

Attendance/Arrival Policy Reminders

Students who arrive after the 9AM bell are considered tardy and will need to stop in the office to get a tardy pass before being admitted to class.

Please call the main line and press "1" for the attendance line if your child will be absent. Absences must be reported by 10:00am to ensure your student's attendance is entered. Families may also submit attendance requests through Q/Parent Connect. Automatic attendance calls alerting for unexcused absences go out at 10:45.

When leaving an attendance message for your student please leave these important details:

- 1) Student Name
- 2) Date(s) of absence
- 3) Reason for absence
- 4) Teachers Name
- 5) Grade Level

Many messages are left saying the student will be out but do not leave a reason. Without a reason, the student is automatically marked unexcused. When you know you will be on an extended absence like a family vacation, we can put a prearranged unexcused absence in the system so you do not get a daily phone call.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 742-3000.

ASD Attendance Guidelines

Here are the District Guidelines for Attendance:

AM (starts at 9:00 am)

- Tardy - up to 60 minutes after school starts
- Absent (.5 day) – If a student misses more than 60 minutes.

PM (starts at 12:15 pm)

- Tardy – arrives at or before 1:15pm
- Absent (.5 day) – student misses more than 60 minutes

Birthday Treats

Please reach out to your child's teacher before sending/bringing in treats and they can fill you in on any classroom requirements including food allergies or sensitivities. Some teachers may prefer individually packaged items. In general, birthday treats must be store bought and pre-packaged (sealed store cupcakes for example).

School Business Partners



2 Brothers Auto Detail



Subway



EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-WIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

	Arrival & Dismissal	Hallway	Lunchroom	Recess	Restroom	Success Strategies
S Safety First <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Stay put Talk softly Keep my hands, feet, and belongings to myself Arrive after 8:45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Have permission and a hall pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away my trash Clean up my space Stay in my seat Eat only my food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress appropriately Follow recess expectations Report problems to staff on duty Follow adult directions Line up quickly and quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission and a pass Walk directly to destination Allow for the privacy of others Wash my hands Report problems to my teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Stop and Think" Talk to an adult Ask for help immediately
O One Community <i>We will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' space Set technology for learning (personal tech turned off and in backpack before entering the building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Keep quiet Keep to the right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be patient Stay in line Pitch in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include others Share Care for our playground and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep restroom clean Conserve resources 2/2 Rule: 2 pumps / 2 towels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move away from conflict or distractions Use CHAMPS
A Accountability <i>I will...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate conversation and/or language Secure items and leave them in my backpack Know my dismissal plan Know my bus/car number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to my destination Stay in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a clean space Use appropriate conversation and language Keep food on tray and in my mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return equipment Use appropriate conversation and language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission and a pass Use the sign out system Manage my time Go, Flush, Wash, Leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask for help when needed Calm body <p>Remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be positive Be responsible Be safe Be respectful
R Represent Staff will...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise students at all times Know locations of students Set technology for learning (e-mail, lessons, Class Dojo, Remind) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce safety Monitor students by being at their doors and in the hallway Provide passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off/pick up students on time Walk students directly into cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off/pick up students on time Actively monitor students in their station Set technology for safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and monitor sign out system Provide passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice expectations Be consistent Be engaged with students Communicate

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Dawn Campbell

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