



EYESTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Educational Excellence in a Kind, Loving Environment

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Dear Eyestone Parents,

I hope that you are “enjoying” the fall weather and the mix of beautiful days with wet snows and branch cleanup! ☺ We’ve had some early dry runs (wet runs?) for indoor recesses, so the students will be well-trained for the true winter season once it kicks in for good. Thank you for sending them prepared for the differing conditions!

Thanksgiving “Dinner”

We are looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner next Friday, November 18, and hope you will be available to join us! A payment desk will be set up in the foyer on the day of the dinner. The cost for meals is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.05 for students. If possible, paying with exact change and/or small bills is greatly appreciated!

The Thanksgiving dinner is a long-standing Eyestone tradition. The scheduled times for serving grade levels are as follows: Kindergarten-10:30, 1st grade-10:40, 2nd grade-11:00, 4th grade-11:20, 3rd grade-11:40, 5th grade-11:55. (Preschool students will have their dinner on Thursday, 11/17.) All times are approximate, and tend to vary as much as 10 minutes before or up to 20 minutes after the time given. Please allow for time to park, along with the possibility of spending a few minutes walking to the school, as we will not have space for all vehicles in our lots. Additional parking is available along the east fence on 6th street, along Wilson Ave., and on side streets off of Wilson Ave. Please help us in terms of security issues by entering the school at the front entrance only and obtaining a visitors badge (we’ll have plenty of sticky-badges in the foyer). As always, your patience is greatly appreciated at this event.

Changes in Student Plans (end of day): As we try to minimize the amount of interruptions to the classrooms, please make sure that after school arrangements are made **before** your child leaves for school in the morning whenever possible. We understand that emergencies come up from time to time, but the later in the day the information gets to school, the more difficult it becomes to ensure that the student is properly informed. Points to keep in mind are:

- Best way to inform: Student brings a written note to the teacher when he or she enters the classroom at the beginning of the day
- If a change comes up during the day: Phone the Eyestone office at 488-8600 as soon as possible
- Please **DO NOT**: Phone the teacher’s direct line for this or other time-sensitive information. (Instruction is occurring during the school day and should not be

interrupted. Teachers' schedules during the day are very tight, and teachers often do not check phone messages until after the end of the school day.)

- All of the above also applies if your child will be leaving early on a school day for appointments or other reasons

Pickup/Drop-off Tip of the Month

Our pickup/drop-off zone is at the north end of the horseshoe, beginning at the flagpole and extending west to the end of the sidewalk curve near the fire hydrant. Please note that there are two lanes entering the lot, each labeled for its purpose: a Pick-up/Drop-off lane (right lane adjacent to the curb) and a Through-lane (left lane). Picking up and dropping off can be done from either lane in the following ways:

- **Pick-up/Drop-off lane**: Enter the line on Wilson from the east (from 6th St.). Pull forward until you enter the zone (noted above). Let your child out (or pick up) when you are stopped and fully in the zone. Vehicles may not be left parked in the lane, as it is a designated fire lane – drivers must be physically in/with their vehicles, no matter the time of day.
- **Through-lane**: Enter the lot from Wilson (in either direction) and pull into an available parking slot. Walk your child fully through the lot to the drop-off area (AM) or fully from the pick-up area (PM) to your vehicle. Students are not to be released from the zone or from vehicles to navigate through any portion of the lot on their own. Never attempt to wave students through traffic to board or depart your vehicle from the through-lane.

As always, the full Parking Plan (along with the corresponding map) is available on our website under "Eyestone Info".

Thanks for all your support for student safety and well-being!

Hope to see you next Friday!



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