



## Pasadena Fundamental Elementary

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### Moody's Message to Families

8/26/18

Pasadena Families,

Thank you for your patience with our safety initiatives. Our dismissal and arrival process as shown improvement. It is my hope that I can clear up some confusion about the changes happening at Pasadena. In 2018-19 the site safety assessment team which included law enforcement suggested our school make improvements to the way students are dropped off and picked up from campus. At this time, Pasadena students identified as walkers should be dropped off/picked up at the exterior gate. As principal, I want our school to feel welcoming and I know this has been a frustrating change for many of you. This decision was made based on the structure of our school. Other schools have procedures based on the structure of their campus. We are exploring other options. In addition, Fencing was ordered to help secure the area in the back of the school near R'Club. Our school will continue to work to improve these processes and make adjustments when we are able.

We want more volunteers and will continue to work alongside our volunteer coordinator, Parent Teachers Association and School Advisory Committee to ensure our volunteers are properly screened through the district's level 1 and 2 process. We are in need of level 2 volunteers to serve as escorts and lunch monitors for those that have not been level 2 screened yet. Please email [woodyardb@pcsb.org](mailto:woodyardb@pcsb.org) if you are able to help. More information on volunteer requirements can be found at [pcsb.org/mentor](http://pcsb.org/mentor).

I want to remind you that we will conduct our Pinellas County Active Assailant drill this week. These trainings are required monthly by state law. I want to assure you that the trainings have been developed in coordination with law enforcement and school psychologists, social workers and counselors. The trainings are age-appropriate and will be conducted under the guidance of your student's teacher and other caring adults on campus. Our teachers have watched a video to prepare for the drill our school will participate in. Elementary students will not view these videos in class, but they are available online to help your student understand the concepts they will practice in school. You can learn more about the specific information that will be shared with your student by visiting [www.pcsb.org/safety](http://www.pcsb.org/safety).

Pasadena Fundamental School is a school of choice that creates a safe, fundamental learning environment where faculty, staff, parents, and community work in partnership to foster highest student achievement. I truly value the partnership of our parents and I want to work alongside you to provide the best experience possible for our students. Our results indicate excellence in teaching and learning. Let us continue to enhance excellence in 2018-2019.

In partnership with you,

*Donita O. Moody*

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