



Pasadena Fundamental Elementary

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Moody's Message to Families School Safety

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Pasadena Families,

As a result of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, a number of safety measures have been put into place in Pinellas County Schools which will bring changes to the daily operations at all schools across the district, including Pasadena Fundamental Elementary. All staff members have participated in safety training. Joining our staff will be Safety Security Officer (SSO), Brooks Wilson. All exterior school doors will remain locked at all times. Our school office is equipped with secure storefront glass.

All visitors must be cleared to enter the secure area of the school through Badge Pass. Visitors who do not have a Jessica Lunsford Act (JSA) Level 2 clearance must be escorted by school personnel at all times while on campus. Those volunteers with Level 2 clearance will be granted access to campus only for school scheduled volunteer opportunities between 8:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Procedures for volunteering other events will be communicated later. At Pasadena Fundamental Elementary, this will encompass a change from our previous volunteer and visitor process, as we do not have supplemental staff to act as escorts. As we start the school year, parents will not be able to have lunch with their child at school on a daily basis. We are working with our PTA and SAC to come up with a viable solution to have a one day per week parent-child lunch opportunity. When you have a scheduled parent conference, the teacher will meet you in the office and escort you to the classroom or to a school conference room.

District wide, parents will be allowed to walk their children to class for the first three days of school only, August 13-15. In addition, new safety measures will require that our arrival/dismissal process eliminate parents walking up to car line to drop off/pick up their students. Effective August 16, 2018, all families will be asked to stay in their cars to drop off and pick up their children in the car line. Only students that are designated as walkers (live within 2 miles of the school) may be picked up at the pedestrian gate at the front of the school. A staff member will escort your child to the pedestrian gate (near the dolphin) and verify that the child is designated as a walker before the child is released to an adult. To be clear, at arrival/dismissal, parking in the neighborhood and walking up to the gate will be permitted ONLY August 13-15. Please have your ID with you at all times. During dismissal, the front office will be limited to official business so that staff can maintain their focus of getting all students home safely.

Thank you for understanding that, while this may be an inconvenience, our first and most important priority is to keep your children safe.

Please feel free to visit the district's safety website for further information regarding school safety:
www.pcsb.org/safety

In partnership with you,

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