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# Welcome Kindergarten Students!

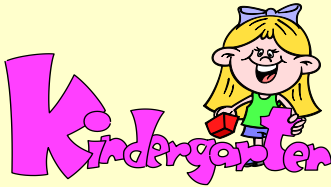
## Welcome

Welcome to your new school at Stevenson Elementary! With all the planning and preparation we have done this summer, I know it is going to be a terrific year! I am looking forward to meeting all our new kindergarten students as they begin their school adventure. Please take some time to read this newsletter. The back page covers our new parent communication tool. Please download the app!

## First Day of School

Kindergarten students start school on a staggered schedule so that teachers have small numbers while they acquaint the children with the school and each other. The schedule is as follows:

- ☞ **Tues., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** –Only Kindergarten students with last names A-L attend school.
- ☞ **Wed., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** –Only Kindergarten students with last names M-Z attend school.
- ☞ **Thurs., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** –All Kindergarten students attend school.



## Our Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Tara Bishop  
Ms. Mandy Guilmain  
Mrs. Amanda Jones

## Open House

The start of the school year is such a special time, filled with anticipation and hopes of what the new school year will bring. I am sure you have many questions about how your child's classroom will be run and what will be expected of your child. On **Thurs., August 29, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, you will have the perfect opportunity to find answers to your questions and to begin a relationship with our kindergarten teachers and school.

## Class Assignments

Tentative class assignments will be posted in the school at Open House.

## School Supplies

Please bring your child's school supplies, labeled with your child's first and last name, on your child's assessment day.

Supply lists are available online at [www.maddriverschools.org/Domain/691](http://www.maddriverschools.org/Domain/691).

## Kindergarten Assessment

On **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, student assessments have been scheduled. Your child's appointment will take approximately 1 hours. Please check your day and time on the enclosed letter.

The Ohio Legislature requires that each child entering kindergarten take the state kindergarten assessment. This kindergarten readiness assessment is used as a tool to gather information about students' pre-reading skills as they enter kindergarten.

**It is extremely important that your kindergarten child attend on their assigned day and time.**



## Stevenson Family Involvement Committee

Are you looking to get involved with your child's school? Please join us in planning a year of special events for your children. We will be working on fundraisers, after school events, Santa Shop, Field Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, a STEM Event and more. We will be meeting from 2:30-3:30 on the following dates:

September 24  
October 22  
November 19  
January 28  
February 25  
April 8  
May 13

Can't make the meetings? Please email [cathy.keller@madriverschools.org](mailto:cathy.keller@madriverschools.org), and let us know which event(s) you would like to help with!

Your support is vital for these events! Thank you for all your support!!!



## Bus Information

The transportation department is arranging all bus schedules and determining rider eligibility for the upcoming school year. Bus information will be available soon at [www.madriverschools.org/domain/45](http://www.madriverschools.org/domain/45). This information will also be emailed to you. Please make sure your email is correct in OneView. Questions concerning student bus transportation can be addressed by calling the transportation office at 937-237-4280.

Please be advised that the bus stop times listed are approximate due to unforeseen traffic, weather, etc. Students are to be at the assigned stop at least 5 minutes before the posted times.

## Parent Information and Support

Our staff is here to make sure that your child gets the best education that we can deliver and to keep them healthy. But we can't do it alone. Please help us in preparing your child for a great school year.

- ☞ Send your child to school every day, on time, ready to learn. (7:55-2:25)
- ☞ Provide a water bottle for them to use throughout the day.
- ☞ Continue to teach them good hygiene skills like washing their hands.
- ☞ Check their homework folder DAILY.
- ☞ Promise to help your child every night with homework and reading. Remember, this does not mean you do it for him or her.
- ☞ Read to or with your child every night, if only for ten to fifteen minutes.
- ☞ **Communicate with your child's teacher, whether by Parent Square, phone, note or e-mail.**

## Car Riders

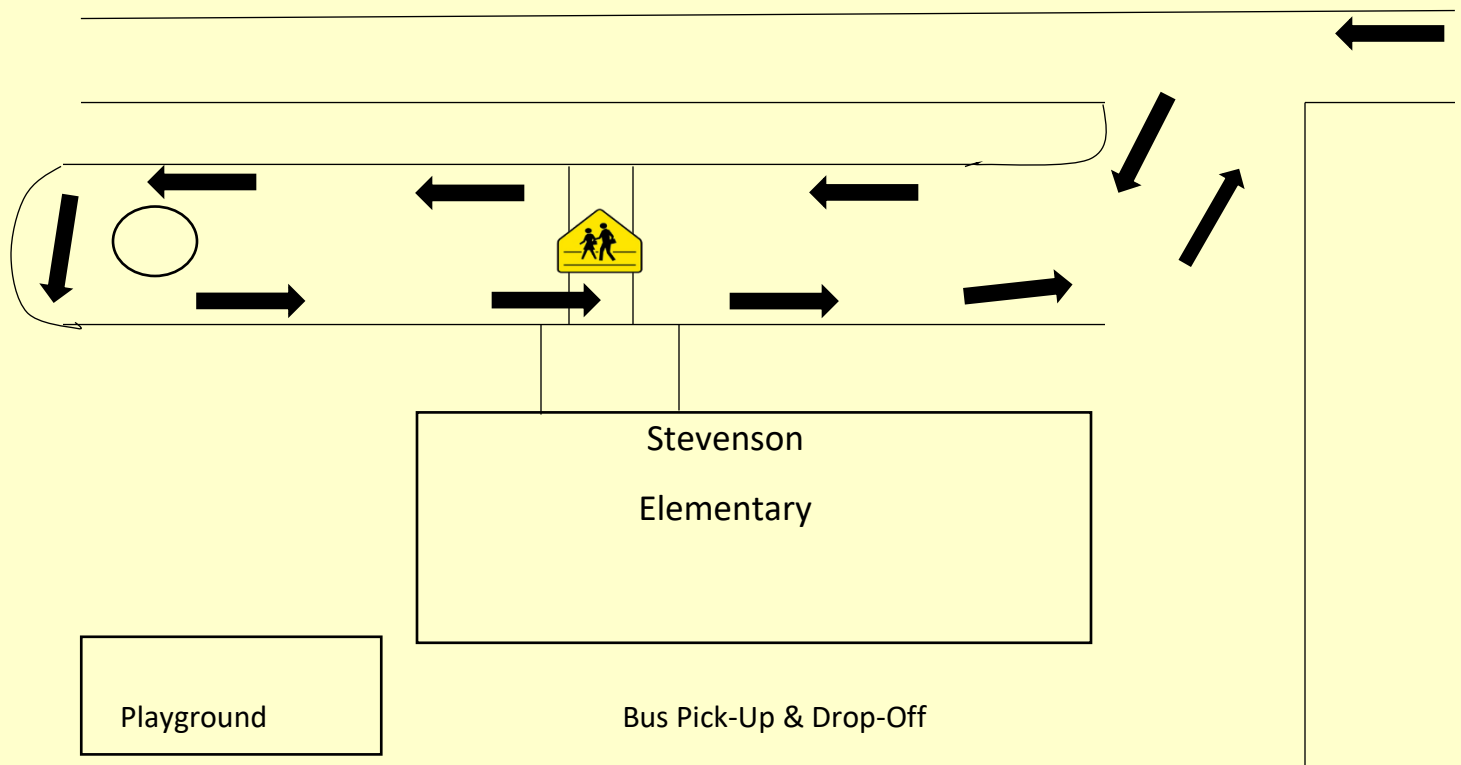


Please review the information on picking up and dropping off students that is included in this newsletter.

We understand that for kindergarten students, parents often wish to walk them into school on the first few days. For the safety of our students **PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WALK THEIR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL.** Staff will meet car riders at the front of the school and escort the students to the gym to meet their teacher.

If you are dropping your child after the 7:55 start time, parents are to walk their student into the office and sign them in.

### Stevenson Elementary's Arrival and Dismissal Process



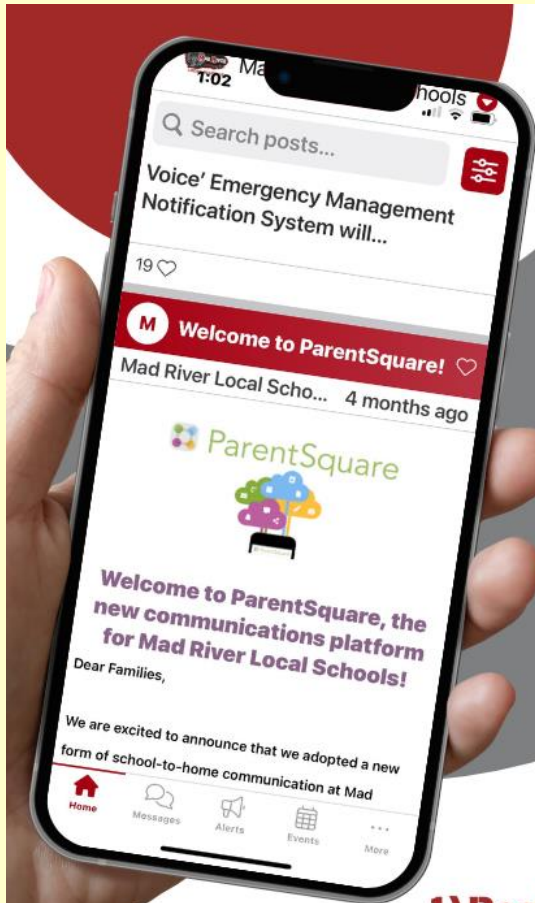
The map above represents the procedure for picking up and dropping students off at school. Any students walking to school will wait to cross the parking lot until the adult guard crosses them.

Any students arriving or departing school by car should come to the front of the building as indicated in the map. Drivers are asked to pull around the circle and stop in front of the building for pick-up and drop-off. **Parents are to wait in their cars for students at the end of the day. DO NOT GET OUT OF YOU CAR OR PARK ALONG THE BUILDING.** Students will be lined up when they leave the building to wait for their parent to pull around. As soon as the driver pulls up to the door, the child(ren) will be called to get in the car. Then that driver will be waved on to pull away and the next car will pull up. This may take a little longer in the beginning as we get used to the process, however with practice time will improve. The important thing to remember is that this is for the safety of your child.

Students should not be at school before 7:40 a.m. as there is not supervision. Please do not drop students off prior to staff unloading students. We cannot have unsupervised students out in front of the building prior to the doors opening. Dismissal is at 2:25 p.m. Please be prompt if your student is a car rider.

**If you have a change in the transportation arrangements for the day, that request must be made in writing. For example, if you child typically rides the bus and you'll be picking them up that day, please write a note and send it to your child's teacher.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!**



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