



# Eagle News

December 2018

## Secure Doors

Our security system is now up and running. All doors are locked during school hours. You will need to ring a bell at the front door to get into the building after 9:00 AM. We are asking everyone to be safety conscious and follow these guidelines:

- ◆ When you leave or enter the building make sure the door closes firmly behind you.
- ◆ Do not hold the door open for others entering. Everyone entering needs a meaningful purpose and should use the doorbell to enter.
- ◆ Make sure you always have your ID to check a student out.
- ◆ Please be patient as we may not be able to answer the door right away.

Students coming for breakfast will now need to enter through the outside door by the stage. It will be open from 8:15 – 8:40 AM. Please remind your student to go straight to the lunchroom.

Thank you for doing your part to make Orchard a safe place for kids.

## Keyboarding

Students in grades 3-6 should be spending 5-10 minutes per night on keyboarding homework. They should know how to use the Edotyping.com website to keep track of their speed and accuracy on keyboarding. If your student has trouble logging in, please refer to the email sent to you on 11/6/18 from Ms. Bradshaw and Ms. Miller or call the office and leave a message for one of them.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5	Children's Choir Concert, 6:00PM
Dec 11	PTA Birthday Table
Dec 20	Early Out at 1:25 PM
Dec 21- Jan 1	<b>Winter Break—NO SCHOOL</b>
	<b>Happy Holidays!</b>

## Parking Concerns



We are having many drivers not following the rules of the drop off and pick up areas before and after school. We want to remind everyone of the rules so we can keep our students safe.

1. Pull forward to allow those behind you to move ahead and prevent traffic jams.
2. Only pick up students from the curb.
3. Do not back in to the dock access area by the dumpster.
4. Do not use the top parking lot (right in front of the front entrance) as a drop off and pick up area. It is only for those that are planning to come into the building.
5. Do not park in a handicapped parking stall unless you have a permit.
6. Do not make left hand turns onto Center Street from 8:30 – 8:50 AM and 3:20 – 3:45 PM. Those needing to head east should make a right turn, then make a left turn on 130 E to connect to Orchard Drive.
7. Make sure students are buckled before pulling out.

Season's Greetings, Orchard Families! We hope everyone is enjoying this holiday season! We have so much to be grateful for as a PTA—we have incredible parents that give of their time and talents for the benefit of the school. Many wonderful opportunities are afforded our students because of our faculty and parents...thank you!

Reflections is off and running and we had such an impressive amount of entries, we're excited to continue to watch how those entries will do. Thanks to all who participated. We also continue to get positive feedback from our teachers, telling us the exciting things they're doing with the grant money the PTA was able to give each teacher for classroom needs. Thank you Camie Nielson for spearheading this and the Book Battle books that each classroom received! It's been a great year so far, and we look forward to 2019!

~Orchard PTA Board

## PTA Reflections Contest

Thank you for all the wonderful Reflections contest entries this year! We have such wonderfully talented students at our school this year!

The Reflections Assembly will be December 14th at 9:25 AM, following the Orchestra Concert.



## Lost & Found

The Lost and Found here at Orchard is found outside of room 210 & 211 on the coat racks. We are getting quite a collection of items that include: coats, jackets, lunch boxes, and other items. Remind your students to check the Lost and Found if they are missing items. If it is a small or valuable item like glasses or earrings, those items are kept in the office where students can ask to see the items. We have had so many coats that we can no longer keep them on the rack. We have had to bag some and keep them in the back so if you cannot find your item in the Lost and Found ask the office.



**Does your child want to be in this year's musical at Orchard?  
It is starting soon!**

**Dates to remember...**

**Parent meeting:** Wednesday, January 9th @ 3:30 PM

**Auditions for speaking parts:** Thursday, January 10th

**Rehearsals:** Begin Tuesday, January 22nd (T, W, TH, F before school)

**Performances:** March 1st & 2nd

**SHREK**  
THE MUSICAL JR

Anyone in grades 4-6 can participate! Go to [spotlightct.org](http://spotlightct.org) to register!