

Good evening Tigers this is Mr. W, principal of Kiser Middle School, with several announcements for the upcoming week!

I want to thank everyone for a great first week of school. I know there are still some challenges with getting our dismissal more efficient and completed in a timely manner, and we are working to make adjustments so we can get our car rider line completed in a more timely manner. You can help us by reinforcing for our students the importance of watching the Teams call chat in their class and moving to the car rider line as quickly as possible. Also, in order to help with our afternoon procedures we will not call for early dismissal students after 2:30pm. Finally, it is important that all students who are car riders are picked up by 3:45pm. Finally, the best solution to help avoid the long car rider line is to sign your student up for bus transportation. Please let me know if we can assist in making that request and getting the stop set up for you. If your student rode the bus last year, please have them speak with Mr. Foutty and we will try to expedite getting them on the bus prior to the 10 days it takes transportation to setup the bus route.

A reminder that next Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day holiday and the school and office will be closed.

Your student should've received a student planner, GCS OneCard, and a Chromebook this week. It is important that your student bring each of these items to school with them each day. We have taken pictures for all students who need a OneCard, and have requested about 40 more devices for a few 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who may not have received one yet. Please take time to read through the student planner and the expectations for students throughout the school day.

First, if throughout the school year your student has been quarantined or put into isolation please contact the front office so we can begin our protocols for dealing with those situations. Please be sure to continue to monitor for symptoms daily and make sure your student is healthy and well when they come to school each day!!

The school day begins at 8:20am and students will be dismissed at 3:20pm.

#### Morning Arrival:

- Car riders should be dropped off in a single file line along the sidewalk and awning at the back of the building which is down the drive across from the tennis courts.
- Students will begin to unload at 8am when school staff are ready for student check-in. Please do not drop off students in other locations or before 8am.
- Students will report to the door of their grade level. 6<sup>th</sup> grade – A-wing; 7<sup>th</sup> grade – C-wing; 8<sup>th</sup> grade – B-wing and beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school should be ready to present/scan their GCS OneCard which will be provided on the first day of school.
- All Students should report directly to their homeroom classroom unless they need to go to the cafeteria to get breakfast or drop off an instrument.
- All students should be checked in and seated in their homeroom classes by 8:20am when the instructional day will begin.
- Students who arrive after 8:20am should be dropped off at the front so they can check-in before reporting to class.

#### Afternoon Dismissal:

- Car rider parents will line up along the sidewalk in a single file line beginning at the number one spot. School staff will collect names of car riders beginning around 3:15pm, and students will begin to get released for dismissal at 3:20pm. Also, all car rider students will receive a name tag for you to keep in your vehicle for the remainder of the year to help the staff enter names into our TEAMS dismissal chat to release car riders.
- Bus riders will be called through the TEAMS call and through an all call by bus number. Bus riders will exit the building by the cafeteria/gym exit which is along the main hallway. It is important that bus riders move as quickly as possible to their assigned bus.

- Students who will be walkers will be called when we call for the remaining car riders to be dismissed around 3:30pm. Students participating in athletic teams and extracurricular activities will also be dismissed at that time as well.
- Please be do not pick up students in any other location than the designated car rider line.

District transportation plans to publish the details and the bus stop times and locations on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students can download the Here Comes the Bus app and help track the school bus location and provide actual arrival times for your student. Click on the link here for more information:

<https://www.gcsnc.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=63192>

6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents, we are excited to have several new course offerings for students who are interested. We will now be offering Intro to American Sign Language (ASL) for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Beginning ASL and Beginning Latin for any 8<sup>th</sup> graders who did not take ASL or Latin 1A last year. Please note these courses are not for high school credit however they will give your student a chance to explore the language to see if it is something they would like to pursue further. Reminder for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents that High School credit can be achieved by taking ASL 1A and 1B or Latin 1A and B in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please complete the link below as soon as possible to indicate which class your student is interested in. It will also be helpful if you list the class your student would like to drop. This form is only to be used for the above classes, it is not for other schedule changes. <https://forms.gle/v9UHC1oGBUVcuupp9>

The PTA will meet virtually on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Click here to visit the Kiser PTA website and please take a minute to join our PTA and check out some of the Kiser gear and spirit wear! Also, attached is the Raise Your Paws sponsorship donation levels for those who want to consider making a contribution to the PTA!! [Kiser PTA](#)

Students who read throughout the summer are encouraged to submit their summer reading logs to Mrs. Wasserman in order to receive their incentive from Kersey Valley!! The reading log is attached to the email, or will be posted in Canvas for students on the Kiser Media Center page.

If you did not already complete the parent information link, please take a minute to provide us with some information that will help us communicate throughout the school year. Parent survey - <https://forms.office.com/r/zdNg8Gy98z>

Click here to submit a Lunch Application for the upcoming year, <https://www.lunchapplication.com/>

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to make sure they have submitted documentation for the required 7<sup>th</sup> grade immunizations. . [Click here for more details](#)

Thank you, and have a great evening!

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