

MACON-HALL ELEMENTARY

PRINCIPAL: NICHOLAS DOMINGUEZ



**“For the strength of
the pack is the wolf,
and the strength of
the wolf is the pack.”
-Rudyard Kipling**

Macon-Hall is a place where students will be challenged as we help them accomplish greatness. It is a place where students can be themselves, flourish, learn, and grow. We will prepare our students to lead the pack towards excellence.

Welcome Back to School!

We are thrilled to kick off the 2026-2027 school year with enthusiasm and a strong momentum for success. Last year, we witnessed impressive growth from our students and we are eager to build on that achievement.

The partnership we share with our families is crucial in our mission to educate and support our students. We are excited for the upcoming year with our dedicated teachers and exceptional students. Your involvement and commitment are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to collaborating with you to ensure a fantastic school year.

Starting the Year Strong:

Attendance and Tardiness: The Importance of Timely Arrival

It is **very important** for students to arrive at school on time each day. Instruction begins promptly at 9:15 a.m., and students need to be in their classrooms and ready for instruction by this time.

Arriving late means missing crucial parts of the lesson, including the introduction of key concepts and the review and correction of any misconceptions. The early portion of the class sets expectations and provides the tools necessary for success in the day's lesson. Missing this can significantly impact a student's ability to fully engage and succeed.

Student Arrival and Breakfast Procedures

To streamline our student arrival and breakfast process, please note the following:

- **Doors Open:** 8:45 a.m.
- **Breakfast:** Students who wish to have breakfast should proceed directly to the cafeteria upon arrival.
- **Gym Staging:** Students who do not want breakfast will be staged in the gym until 8:55 a.m. At that time, they will be dismissed to their homerooms to start the day.

- There will be several staff members available to guide students to the appropriate areas. For students arriving on buses, additional time will be provided for breakfast if a bus is delayed.

Important Reminder for Car Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

- Please be advised that all students arriving by car must be dropped off in the back car line off Siskin Road through Dew Cv. The front driveway is designated for buses only and is a safety concern when students are dropped off there.
- If you have someone unfamiliar with our school and its procedures, please inform them about the correct location for car drop-off and pick-up.
- **Afternoon Pick-Up:** The car line ends at 4:25 PM. Students will be marked as late pickups if collected after this time. (The first week will take longer for dismissal until students are used to the procedure. I promise, it will get better.)
- To ensure smooth communication, please make sure that your child's homeroom teacher has your most current phone number, and that all information is updated in PowerSchool.

Maximizing Instructional Time: Early Dismissal

To ensure that we maximize instructional time and minimize disruptions, students are expected to remain at school until dismissal time at 4:00 p.m. Instruction continues until 4:00 p.m. each day. Therefore, early dismissals will not be permitted after 3:30 p.m. All late arrivals and early dismissals will count as tardies against attendance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain an uninterrupted learning environment.

I look forward to a wonderful year filled with success and growth. One of our key goals this year is to enhance communication with our families. We will keep you informed about upcoming events through our website, social media platforms, and ClassDojo.

Let's make this year exceptional and strive for greatness together!

First Day: Parents will be allowed to walk students to class on **Monday only** for grades 1-5.

Kindergarten and PreK families may walk their student to class on their first stagger day.

The front circle is going to be used for buses ONLY. Please go to the back of the building to park if you are walking students to their classrooms.

We are excited for an awesome school year!

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing things because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths” --Walt Disney
