

LIEDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This year many of our families will be impacted by the necessary changes in district transportation services. We have developed a plan that will ensure the continued safety of our children who will be walkers or bike riders and also allow for efficient traffic flow for our anticipated increase in car riders. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we assess our new plan and make any needed adjustments.

We do not expect any major changes for our children who are eligible for bus service. Please check the district website for bus stop information and times.

If your child will now be a walker or bike rider, we strongly encourage you to practice your child's travel route. We will have a crossing guard stationed at the crosswalk on Cairnvillage and Cairnladdie. The tentative times for the crossing guard to be on duty are 8:00-9:00 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM.

Since we expect an increase in car riders, we will make several changes for loading and unloading students. Cars will continue to use the same driveway entrance. The loading area will be moved closer to the front of the building to help traffic flow on Cairnvillage. Children will be dismissed from the music room rather than the rooms near the basketball court. Please talk to your children about the importance of being ready to load and unload quickly. Staff will be on duty to unload cars at 8:15 AM. Our instructional day ends at 3:45, and we will begin dismissal at that time.

It is critical that all car riders have a 2009-2010 Lieder car tag hanging from the rearview mirror. Car tags will be available from the front office. Replacement tags can also be requested from the front office during the year.

For safety reasons, we ask that parents use the car rider line rather than parking and entering the building to pick up students. We will not be able to release students from the car rider waiting area for office pick up until all car riders have been loaded.

If your child attends a day care, please verify your child's transportation arrangements with your day care center.

In the event of bad weather, students will be dismissed as usual. If lightening is reported in the area, walkers and biker riders will be allowed to wait after school until weather improves or until an authorized person picks up the student. Please have a plan in place for your child on bad weather days. It is extremely important that your emergency contact information is correct and current.

Parents are reminded to send a note whenever there is a change in transportation. No changes will be made after 2:45 PM. Please understand this is a safety issue. We keep careful track of all our students, and last minute changes make it difficult to maintain an accurate record of your child's arrangements.

We have given the new transportation plan a great deal of thought and planning, and we have reviewed the plan with the transportation department. We believe the new plan will be effective. However, any new plan may need to be adjusted. Obviously, we will not be able to fully assess the plan until we use it. We will keep all parents informed as we work together to make the new system successful. We value your feedback, and we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Our school motto is, "Success is simple: do the right thing, the right way, for the right reason." This applies to our expectations for transportation, as well as student achievement.

We are looking forward to a very successful year!

Sincerely,

Missy Edgerton
Principal