#### Newport Elementary School Blue Note August 29-September 2nd Weekly newsletter for NES families

# <u>Upcoming Dates</u>

8/29 First Day of School for 1st-5th grades
8/29-8/31 Kindergarten Staggered Entry 9:00-3:00
9/1- Kindergarten First Full Day
8/29-9/2- Parents may walk students to class

#### 9/5- Labor Day Holiday (No School)

**9/6-** Independence Day- All students will walk to class independently (staff will be available to assist)

# Beginning of the Year Info

- School Hours
  - Students arrive starting at 7:30 *(no student may be dropped off before this time)*
  - Tardy Bell is at 8:00 (students are tardy if they are not in their classroom by this time)
  - Dismissal begins at 3:00
- Please be patient with our staff these first few days. We are re-entering a more normal school year and we want to do so safely.
- Parents may walk students to class during the first week of school. Students will walk Independently on Tuesday, September 6th!
- Our school will be using Class Dojo again for communication. Don't forget to sign-up with your Teacher and Bus Driver!

#### <u>Breakfast</u>

- Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7:30-7:50 each morning
- Students must be in the cafeteria by 7:50 in order to have breakfast at school
- Breakfast is free to all students

#### <u>Lunch</u>

- Lunch will be in the cafeteria and is FREE to all students
- Visitors will be welcome starting on <u>October 3rd</u> and will need to sign in and out at the main office.
- Lunch visitors will be able to sit with their child at a designated table (no additional students from the class or other classes will be

permitted to sit with you)

### Morning Car Arrival:

- Morning Arrival begins at 7:30 and runs in a single line at the front of the school. We will NOT be running the second line this year. You may not drop your child off before 7:30.
  - When you arrive on campus please remain in your car and make sure your student(s) is ready to exit the vehicle when you arrive at the sidewalk area. Please also pull up close to the vehicle in front of you so that we are able to unload as many students at a time as possible.
  - Please drop your child off when you reach the sidewalk. Do not wait to drop your child closer to their classroom building. This will help keep the flow of traffic consistent.
  - <u>Do not</u> attempt to pull around other vehicles as some students may exit vehicles on the left side

# Afternoon Car/Walker Dismissal:

- Afternoon Pick-Up begins at 3:00. Parents are required to <u>remain in</u> <u>their cars</u> and to have a car tag displayed on their dash/window. If this is not displayed you will be asked to park and wait until carpool is over to get your student. Your ID will be checked and your student(s) released.
  - We will be <u>using two lanes</u> for afternoon carpool like last year. A staff member will assist your child(ren) to the vehicle at designated cones. After your child(ren) are loaded, please do not move until our staff release you. This is for the safety of our students and staff.
  - If your student is delayed, staff will ask you to move to the designated waiting area and your student will be brought to you.
  - If you are walking to pick up your student, you will be asked to wait in the crosswalk until the carpool line is over and then you can get your student. This is usually around 3:15 once our car line is moving.

#### <u>Volunteers</u>

- Anyone wishing to volunteer must complete the volunteer training and have a background check.
- Volunteers will be requested by individual classrooms or staff and will sign in and out at the main office
- We will welcome volunteers after October 3rd
- Volunteer Training Dates will be announced