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Weekly News for Parents
Shell Elementary School
Friday, August 23, 2019

In an effort to maximize student safety at morning drop off and dismissal times, we ask that students enter the school through the front entry by the office area. The only exceptions to this rule will be students arriving by bus and head start students. K-5 students may not be dropped off at the bus circle and enter through the cafeteria doors or head start gate in the mornings or dismiss in this area in the afternoons. These areas are closed and locked to help us better monitor adult visitors on campus. Thanks so much for your help and understanding.

2019-20 dismissal times:

1:52 (12:37 on Wednesdays)

Each day, you trust us to keep your little ones safe and we want you know how seriously we take that responsibility.

We practice various safety drills throughout the school year so that we are all prepared in the event of an unsafe situation.

A true safety concern would be announced in one of the following ways:

A "secure campus" is announced when there is a potentially dangerous situation in the area that does not enter onto our campus or school grounds. All students/staff are trained, upon hearing this announcement, to come into the building and ensure all doors are locked, blinds closed, and to keep noise levels low. Teachers may continue teaching, and all interior activities may continue as usual. Examples of instances which would prompt a "secure campus" announcement range from a domestic incident within several blocks of the school, to a robbery of a convenience store

within the city limits. In this instance, we would not do a general parent alert as this is not a lockdown and there is no imminent danger on campus. "Secure Campus" is precautionary. ALICE/Lockdown will be in effect only when a threatening and harmful entity is approaching our school campus. IF an instance should occur where Shell Elementary undergoes true ALICE/lockdown, parents will ALWAYS be notified via BOTH Skylert communication system and social media AFTER we have ensured the safety of all students, teachers, and staff. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please call Holly Burton (principal) or Isa Carter (Assistant Principal) at 481-1901. Thanks so much for working with us to ensure the safety of all Shell students!

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, 9/12.

***K-2 sessions** will be held from 5:00-6:00 (two thirty minute session options; 5-5:30 and 5:30-6).

***Grades 3-5** Open House will be scheduled from 6:00-7:00 and will start with a whole group general session in the cafeteria. Once this general session concludes, parents will visit classrooms.

Coming Events

Mon., 9/2

No school; Labor Day

Thurs., 9/12

Open House

Thurs., 9/19

Interim Reports go Home

Mon., 9/23-Fri., 9/27

Book Fair Week

Tues., 9/24

AR Parent Reading Night 6-7

Wed., 9/25

Dads Take Your Child to School Day

Fri., 9/27

Yankee Candle Fundraiser kickoff

Sat., 9/28

5th Grade Gator football game fieldtrip



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