



SCHOOL NEWS

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Hello West Point Families,

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Happy first day of school! It was such a pleasure to see our families and students back on campus today. Students did a great job being ready to learn on day one.

We appreciate your patience as we experienced the first day with our new traffic light at 137th Ave. Between the first day of school traffic and a reduction in bus routes, we know that many parents experienced long wait times to get into the parking lot to drop off and pick up their children. We are currently working with the Surprise Police Department, Surprise Traffic Engineers, and our District office to determine refinements to our procedures and traffic flow to alleviate these wait times.

However, the best solution to the front lot traffic congestion is to reduce the number of cars using the front lot. While preschool parents are required to park and sign out their children, all other students are able to utilize the three satellite gates at the back of the school as an alternative drop off and pick up location. Staff are always at these gates during the morning arrival times of 8:40-9:00 AM and afternoon drop off from 3:45- 4:00 PM. Many parents drive to these locations to drop off and pick up their children to avoid the front lot. I'm including the link to our Website where you can view a map of these three gates.

Gate 1: 138th Avenue and Ocotillo Lane

Gate 2: Bonow Drive and Ocotillo Lane

Gate 3: The Cul De Sac at the end of 136th Lane just South of Desert Lane

Families that choose a different drop off or pick up locations should email their child's teacher with the change.

As previously included in our parent communication, the grant that provided free lunches to all students expired in June 2022. Breakfast and lunch will be served in our cafeteria daily. For students, breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.60. Free and reduced lunch applications are being processed through schoolcafe.com. Today, many students were unaware of this change. Every student who went through the cafe line was provided lunch and their lunch account was charged, regardless if they had a positive balance or not. Parents can add money electronically to their child's account through schoolcafe.com. Finally, we ask that parents work with their younger children to memorize their student ID number, as they are required to enter this number on a 10-key number pad. Having this memorized will assist in the speed that students are able to move through the line. Student ID numbers are listed in the Parent Portal.

First days are full of excitement and also ways for us to identify improvements to our procedures. We appreciate your help as we work to collaboratively create a safe and efficient drop off and pick up procedure.

Amy Mikos- Principal



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