



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- September 23, 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that your child's dismissal plan is consistent. Children are most comfortable when their "world" is structured and predictable. Certainly there are times, however, when you need to change the day's plans. In that event, please send a note on the yellow **Change of Transportation form** on the morning of the change. Please complete the form carefully- provide the name and phone number of the adult you are authorizing to pick your child up at school or meet him/her at the bus stop. Any adult who may meet or pick up your child from school should be listed as an emergency contact on the Parent Portal. **Please double-check the information you provided (when you verified your emergency contacts in August) to be sure it includes all authorized adults and their current phone numbers.**

**Next Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, is a half day of school.** As part of our District Safety Plan, all elementary schools will conduct an early dismissal drill that day. This means we will gather the children in one location (the gymnasium) and dismiss them ten minutes early.

**Kindergarten AND first grade students will be dismissed together at 11:50 a.m.** *If your child is in kindergarten, you should wait at the bus stop approximately two hours and ten minutes before the usual time. If your child is in first grade, you should wait at the bus stop approximately three hours and ten minutes before the usual time.* Please understand that vans may run a little late, as the kindergarten and first grade students will be riding home on the vans together. (We use the morning routes to transport the children home on half days.)

**Pick-ups:** If your child must be a pick-up on Friday 9/30, please send a note to school on the yellow change of transportation form in the morning. Please park your car and meet your child in the cafeteria at 11:50.

**\*Please note: We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the school day on Friday.\***

**Van Riders:** On half days, the children **do not ride their regular afternoon van routes.** Instead, they ride the vans they normally take in the MORNING, which are **NOT THE SAME** as the **afternoon routes because they include both kindergarten and first grade students.** In order to avoid confusion, please do **NOT** make a request that your child get off at any other stop but **his/her own.** (That stop may not be on your child's morning van route!)



The emergency dismissal drill is one component of our comprehensive safety plan. We conduct a variety of drills in school, including evacuation and lockdown drills. One requires that children know how to exit the building quickly and quietly with their class. The other requires that they remain seated and quiet in their locked classroom. We explain to the children that we practice different ways of being safe. We are careful not to alarm them and keep our discussions very matter-of-fact. The children know that safety drills are just one of many things we *practice* in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

