August 2, 2023

Dear Eickenroht Parents,

It seems summer gets shorter and shorter every year. It also gets more exciting as we are able to celebrate news that will positively impact your children. This summer we have added additional staff members who bring years of experience to their roles, which in turn will provide your children with top-notch, highly qualified educators. We have had the opportunity to grow professionally through professional development geared specifically toward providing an excellent, equitable education for all of our students. We have identified five commitments that will drive us this year in creating the best educational experience for every student. We are committed to focusing on communication, culture, discipline/behavior reform and systems, staff support and student support. We are Excellence is our motto this year and we hope to partner with you on this journey as we provide excellence and opportunity to every Impala.

We simply cannot wait to see our champions walk through the doors on Aug 10, 2023. We are confident the 2023-2024 school year will be spectacular because great things are happening at Eickenroht! Mark your calendars to attend our Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 7th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm to get a glimpse of excellence in action and to meet your child’s teacher. We want you and your child to have the opportunity to meet the teacher, see the classroom, ask questions and get acclimated to the campus before the first day of school.

You will be allowed to walk your child to class on the first day of school. After that, we will have staff members positioned throughout the campus who will assist all students as they navigate their way to class. This helps our champions transition quicker and feel less separation anxiety as they get used to being away from family members.

Please take a moment to look over a few reminders and changes that, with your help, will allow us to ensure a positive and safe environment for all of our children.

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The School Day

_Students are not to be dropped off before 7:40am._ Breakfast is free and will be served in the classroom from 7:40 – 8:05. If your child will be eating breakfast, please make sure they arrive on time to finish by 8:05. Students are to be in their classrooms by 8:05 when instruction begins. Students will be dismissed at 3:25.

Lunch

All Eickenroht students will receive free lunch this year. However, students who wish to purchase extra items from the cafeteria like chips, cookies, bottled water, or juice must have cash in hand or in their account. These items cannot be charged. **Only ONE extra item per child per day will be permitted to be purchased in the cafeteria.**

Attendance

Attendance matters every day for every student. In order for your child to be promoted to the next grade, they must attend at least 90% of the school days. Missing 5 minutes of instruction a day, equals 25 minutes a week, 100 minutes a month and 3,600 minutes of instruction for the year. Please have your children here on time and allow them to stay the entire day. If your child will be absent, please call the attendance clerk. A note from the parent or doctor is required when the student returns.

School Visitors

All visitors to our school are required to sign in at the front office in order to receive a visitor’s badge. We do require a valid form of identification in order for us to permit any visitors

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into the building, or to check students out during the day. Your child’s birthday is set aside for you to join your child for lunch. Classroom visitations can be arranged in advance through an administrator and are limited to 45 minutes. Please check in at the front office first. Parents and visitors who are guests of the school are not responsible for and do not have authority over other children at any time.

**Drop Off/Pick Up/ Parking**

Should you need to change your child’s transportation, contact the front office before 2:45 pm. Changes will not be made after 2:45pm. Please note, students should not be dropped off in the street or at the curbs. If your child is designated as a car rider, he or she must be picked up in a car. If he or she is designated a walker, he or she must walk home.

**Standardized dress**

Students in grades PK-5 are expected to adhere to standardized dress. This includes a burgundy, navy, white, gray or black solid color polo or button-down shirt with a collar and navy or khaki pants, skirts, shorts, or jumpers Monday - Thursdays. Jeans without rips or holes may be worn with a spirit shirt on Fridays only. Clothing cannot have holes or rips. T-shirts are only permitted on Fridays and they must be an Eickenroht spirit shirt. **NO jackets with hoods, hoodies, or parkas with hoods will be permitted in the building.** They will be taken up. Crocs, slides, house shoes, and flip flops are not permitted.

**Backpacks**

Backpacks with wheels will not be permitted as they are a tripping hazard.

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Transportation

It is extremely important that we know how your child is getting home each day. On the online registration form, you designated a way for your child to get home. If there is a change, you must send a note in writing. If there is to be a permanent change, please fill out a new transportation sheet with the front office. We cannot allow your child to change the way he or she goes home without written consent. EVERY EICKENROHT STUDENT WILL BE ISSUED A CAR RIDER NUMBER. If you come to pick up your child in the car rider line without the number, you will be asked to park and come in the building to purchase a replacement, by first showing a photo ID. If your child is designated a walker and is in 2nd - 5th grade, he or she will be released without a parent or guardian present. PK, Kindergarten and First grade students designated as walkers must have someone meet them at dismissal.

Walking Child(ren) to Class

Parents will be permitted to walk their child(ren) to class the first day only. Each student should go directly to his or her class without stopping to visit other classrooms or walking siblings to class. There are staff members on duty in the hallways to help younger students get to class.

Car Rider Number

You may come to campus to get a car rider number after 9:00 am on August 3, 2023. We will not assign numbers during arrival.

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Dismissal

Parents will not be allowed in the building during dismissal until all car riders have been dismissed. We ask that you wait in your car or outside under the awning.

*New* Walker Information for 23-24 School Year:

There will no longer be direct access to Eickenroht for students who walk to or from Villa Springs or Park Trails apartments.

All Walkers will enter through the front entrance off Grand Point Road in the mornings.

Chartwell Court and Quail Chase will be dismissed across the street on Grand Point Road. (GP Walkers)

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Villa Springs, Park Trails, Fairfield Cove, Commerce Park, and the Venetian will be ready for pick up on the grassy area next to Ella Blvd. behind the Funeral Museum. *(Ella Walkers)* *(Parents are not permitted to drive, park or cross over to the building. Please stay in the grass area.)*

Eickenroht teachers and staff members believe having a close working relationship with our parents will help to ensure the success of our students. We encourage you to actively participate in your child’s education. We are looking forward to a fabulous school year at Eickenroht and are excited to have you partner with us in this journey.

We ARE Excellence!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Shanna Swearingen*

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