



Happy Friday Downtown Families!

We had a fabulous first few days at school. The students are learning the procedures in the classroom and on the playground. If you have time to stop in during recess, please do so as there are some positive changes. We are working to expand the playground so if we had a parent volunteer every day between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for extra supervision, the children would have supervision in the additional space. Children come to the playground every thirty minutes between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. so please email the PTA to sign up for a time. downtownschoolpta@gmail.com



PTA News:

- September 11th 11:00-12:00 **PTA Meeting** at the Downtown School Library.
- September 14th 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Ice Cream Social in the Multi-Purpose room at Central Campus** to meet other parents and introduce yourselves.
- **September 24th 5:30-7:30 Back to School Picnic**
Join other DTS families for our annual Back to School Night at Union Park on Sept. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the DTS PTA, this informal gathering is for students and their families. Feel free to bring dinner to the park and be sure to dress children in play clothes. The Heritage Carousel will be open for free rides and the children love the rocket slide. Tickets and RSVPs are not required. Bring the entire family for an evening of fun!

Thank you so much for your patience as families and staff facilitate dismissal time in the afternoon. The 9/10 children and their siblings should be picked up in the rear of the building. With respect to the pick up area in the front of our school, we are implementing some new steps. Students will continue to stand with their learning groups; however, the 7/8s will stand on the west side of the Downtown School front door and the 5/6s will now stand on the east side of the Downtown School front door. There will be three pick up stations, each supervised by a teacher, marked with colored signs - blue, red, and green. Families will be greeted as they enter the circle drive by a teacher who will then alert the learning groups that you are here. Your child will be directed to the next available color station where you will stop to pick them up. Following the procedures below will help ensure safety and efficiency.

- Be prepared to share your child's name and teacher's name with the teacher greeting families.
- Remain in your car at all times. Please do not leave your car in order to put your child into the vehicle on the driver's side or to assist their child in buckling.
- Ensure your child is able to buckle themselves independently and seated on the right hand side of the car.
- For families who are walking up to the building to meet their child, please wait in the applicable 5/6 area or the 7/8 area as designated above.

Just a reminder **when dropping students off in the front**, please drive your car as far into the circle drive as possible so we can accommodate as many vehicles as possible.

See you Monday!

Stephanie Flickinger, Downtown School Principal

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