

# **Loranger Memorial School**

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Good morning LMS Families,

Happy Veterans Day. A large LMS thank you to all of our Veterans for the sacrifice you and your families have made for our freedoms. I hope everyone has an opportunity to appreciate our Veterans over the extended weekend!

Good luck to Coach Plante and our high school football team as they travel to Augusta on Saturday to battle the Orono Red Riots for the Small School 8-Man State Championship! Go GULLS!

## **Snow/Remote Day Information**

Please see the <u>snow/remote day memo</u> sent out by Superintendent Suttie.

### **Morning Arrival Procedures**

With the arrival of colder temperatures, and today's heavy rain, it's important to know what time our building opens for students in the morning, so they are not stuck outside. We have supervision for students starting at these times:

- Arrival for grades 3-5 is between 7:45 and 8:00.
- Arrival for grades 6-8 is between 8:15 and 8:30.

We ask that you please adhere to these times for drop off as our doors do not open prior to those times for our students. Thank you.

# School Nutrition Program Needs Parents Help!

RSU 23 Food & Nutrition Services is excited to announce that breakfasts and lunches are free for all students this year! We pride ourselves in preparing tasty meals that kids love that include local and fresh fruits and vegetables as well as Oakhurst milk. We even have a Chef who has joined our team to help elevate our meals even more.

While meals are free for all, the district still needs ALL FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT to complete Free & Reduced meal applications. These completed applications help our district provide the most accurate demographic information to our State offices. In return, the State provides our district a very significant amount of funding. Without completed applications, a substantial amount of funding could be lost. In addition, if you do qualify for Free or Reduced priced meals, you can get Spectrum internet for only \$14.95/month! \*Please note applications are completely confidential. Applications can be found in our Main Office, or online at the top of the rsu23.org homepage. Online applications only take 3 minutes to complete. We are still collecting Free and Reduced Meal applications at <a href="https://bit.ly/3qgxvR4">https://bit.ly/3qgxvR4</a>

# Absence/Tardy/Dismissal Procedures

If your child will be absent, tardy, or dismissed during the school day, please reach out to our main office to report this, and not to your child's classroom teacher. Communicating this information with the main office ensures that the proper information is reported. You can call the main office to share this information at 934-4848. Thank you!

#### **REMINDER: Dismissal Procedures**

With the start of the Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Jameson, traffic is very congested. We continue to ask that you follow these procedures for the safety of our students. Thank you!

We are seeing an increase in dogs present during pick up. We ask that you please refrain from having dogs on campus during pick up. Thank you.

We continue to see an increase in the number of parent picks for both our 3-5 and 6-8 groups. It is extremely important that we all follow the procedures in order to ensure a safe and efficient pick up process at the end of the school day. Here are a few reminders of how these procedures go:

- <u>All parents picking up their children need to enter our campus from E Emerson Cummings Boulevard</u>. Two lanes of traffic will wait to be moved forward to our parent pick up spots along Jameson Hill Road. We only have 8, so please be patient.
- DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE during the pick up process. This really slows down the process and takes extra time.
- Do not stop or park in the yellow dashed fire lane or the fire hydrant in front of our main entrance.
- Do not park in any of our parking lots. We have bus dismissals and 6-8 students still present during our 3-5 dismissal and athletics and other activities during 6-8 dismissal.
- Do not use the back of our school as a pass through.
- We, along with Fielder's Choice, respectfully ask that you not park in their parking lot and wait for your child as this creates added safety concerns with parents and students crossing Jameson Hill Road.
- 3-5 dismissal begins at 2:15
- 6-8 dismissal begins at 2:45, and we ask that you not arrive any earlier than 2:35 as that interferes with our 3-5 dismissal.

It is very important that all parents follow these procedures so that we can maintain a safe and efficient pick up process. We understand that it is not always convenient, but it is the best process to maintain student safety.

You can find our original dismissal plan from last year, as well as a detailed map <u>here</u>.

## **Family Vacation Forms**

During the school year some families take vacations and ask that we excuse their children from school days. This is not a problem, however, we do have forms to sign off on in order to help students understand the expectations of making up missed work. The forms can be found in the main office. Thanks for your help!

# A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Friday 11/11 No School Veterans Day
- Wednesday 11/23-Friday 11/25 No School Thanksgiving Break
- ullet Friday 12/2 Last day of Trimester 1

- Wednesday 12/7 Early Release Day
- Friday 12/23-Monday 1/2 No School Holiday Break

Have a great long weekend, Matt Foster