



Good Foundations Academy

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy, but exciting, start to the school year. While we are holding firm to our core organizational values, GFA has a new administrative staff, new teachers and many new staff members. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. I will try to communicate with you more frequently in the future.

For the most part, morning drop-off and afternoon carpool pick-up has been going pretty smoothly. I have just a couple thoughts that I wanted to share.

Please keep in mind that school starts at 8:00 a.m.. Meet and Greet runs from 8:00 to 8:10. Meet and Greet is an important part of our GFA culture. We recognize birthdays, talk about lunch and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, GFA Pledge and the Foundation Stone of the week. Lately, fewer and fewer of our students are arriving at school to benefit from Meet and Greet. We would like to reverse that trend.

During morning drop-off, the vast majority of adults dropping off students are doing a great job! When we wave you forward, please pull as far forward as you can before you stop the vehicle to let the kids out. I know it might seem like we are being a little bossy, but if everyone pulls as far forward as they can before they stop and let the kids out, we can unload twice as many students in the same amount of time. This means we can quickly and safely get the students into the school, and let you get on your way. I realize, especially in poor weather, that a parent's inclination is to let their own student off as close to the door as possible, but we really appreciate you pulling all the way forward before letting them out.

I also realize that many of you are willing to stop for anyone waiting at the parking lot crosswalk. One of the reasons that I personally like manning the crosswalk is to ensure the safety of anyone waiting to cross. If we wave you forward, please rest assured that we have asked the people waiting by the crosswalk to wait a few extra seconds. This allows the whole process to flow more smoothly.

In regard to afternoon carpool pick-up things have been running pretty smoothly as well. Don't be afraid to double park along the sides as you wait for your student. However, keep to the right and avoid getting out of your car. This allows for an open lane on the left for people who are trying to exit the parking lot. Of course, double parking does require some courtesy for those who are ready to exit, but most people have been great about allowing other vehicles to leave.

After school, please allow daycare buses and vans to park next to the fence on the southeast part of the parking lot. There are signs on the fence to that effect. This is a good place for the vans to park since the kids can just get on the bus instead of standing and waiting.

Finally, please remember that we don't open the front doors in the morning until 7:40 a.m.. If you need to drop off your students much earlier than that, you may want to arrange to drop them off at a care provider like Explorers. We are looking for a volunteer to supervise in front of the school from about 7:25 to 7:45. If you are interested, please contact Jana or JoAnn in the front office at the school. That's it for now. Thanks for everything you do for our kids!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Dau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.

Dave Dau
Executive Director