

Dear Moss Families,

**Welcome Back** to another wonderful year at Marvin Moss Elementary! I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. I wanted to take a moment to share some information to begin the school year.

**Arrival Procedures**

The gates to the playground will be unlocked at 8:55 am each day. Students in grades K-2 will enter through the North Side gate (left side of the school), and students in grades 3-5 will enter through the South Side gate (right side of the school). For the first couple days of school, all teachers will be outside to assist with students getting to the correct location. Duty teachers will be monitoring students. To ensure the safety of all students, parents will not be permitted on the playground.

If students want to get breakfast, they enter through the Multi-Purpose Room doors in the front of the building.

**Student Drop Off and Pick Up/Transportation**

WCSD Transportation will continue to be provided to students that live in areas where transportation had previously been provided.  The routes with times and locations for stops will be published on WCSD website in the days just before school starts.

**Bus and Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Locations**

Our bus loading and pick up to the area is on the North Side of the building. The parent drop off and pick up location is in the area in front of the parking lot on the South Side of the building. This area remains a loading zone, **and cars can’t be left unattended.** There is only one lane, and we ask that cars pull forward to the front of the line before dropping off students or having them enter the car. This is to keep the flow of traffic and to maintain a safe flow of traffic.

**Dismissal**

Students in grades 3-5 will exit through the gate on the South side of the school, and our students in grades K-2 will exit through the gate on the North side of the school. Students and families are encouraged to determine a meeting spot for the end of the day.

\*Students riding a bus will walk and wait at the bus line. Students will have assigned spots while they wait for the bus, and will have assigned seats on the bus.

\*Students that are walking will head directly home.

\*Students being picked up will wait at the parent pick up.

**Safety Drills**

As part of the WCSD requirement, students and staff participate in monthly drills. Each month, we will conduct a fire drill. We will also conduct an Earthquake Drill in October, as well as, several Emergency Drills.

Please be sure to read through the Marvin Moss Calendar and Parent Handbook when it comes home. It contains a lot of important school and WCSD information.

**Marvin Moss Website**

The Marvin Moss website will be updated throughout the year. There is a great deal of information about the school, the staff directory, supply lists, and other district information. Please visit it regularly for up-to-date information.

**Approved Snacks and Celebratory Treats**

On the WCSD and Marvin Moss sites, is the approved snack list. Marvin Moss is allocated one day a month where celebration treats are allowed. It will be on the third “school” Friday of each month. Families must communicate with the teacher about the treat beforehand. During this time, treats brought to school for special occasions must be packaged items from the store. Please keep in mind, we have students with allergies to a variety of foods. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Cell Phones and Smart Watches**

Student cell phones and smart watches are to be turned off and in student backpacks while on school grounds. If a student needs to access his/her phone during the school day for any reason, then a request can be made to the teacher, Dean of Students, or Principal.

**Volunteers**

Parents and guardians are welcome to fill out an updated Parent Volunteer form. A new form is required each calendar year. Please communicate with your child’s teacher for volunteer opportunities. The form is accessible on the WCSD website.

Looking forward to seeing all of our Marmots and families soon! Remember, if you need to reach the office, our number is 775-353-5507.

Sincerely,

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Principal

Marvin Moss Elementary