



Stratford Road Elementary School

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES THROUGHOUT THIS LETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Schools will open on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**, and will be in session for a full day. Regular school hours for Stratford Road are 9:10am to 3:10pm. All children will report directly to their assigned rooms. First grade children are to come to school wearing the colored index cards included in this mailing. Staff will be available to help children find their rooms.

TRANSPORTATION:

All K-8 students are eligible for bus transportation regardless of the distance between their home and school. Bus information is available through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Change of buses (**only for emergencies**) must be authorized by the Transportation Department.

ARRIVAL:

Your child should be at the bus stop about ten minutes before its planned arrival. It is essential that parents make every effort to have students take the bus the first day of school to assure proper placement on the homebound buses at dismissal.

If your child is a walker in the morning, we would appreciate your cooperation in seeing that he/she does not get to school before 9:00am to ensure order, safety, and elimination of unnecessary lineup outside of school. No staff supervision is available before 9:00am. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

DISMISSAL:

Walker/car dismissal will begin at 3:02pm from our main entrance. For the safety of our children, we ask parents *not* to enter the school at dismissal time. Children being picked up by car will be escorted outside first. Next, walkers will be escorted out- a few children at a time. All walkers will be waiting behind the yellow line. No child will be released until the parent/guardian comes to the yellow line and is recognized by our staff. Once you have met your child **outside** of the building, please leave promptly as this will help our dismissal procedures.

Any changes in dismissal plans must be shared with school staff *prior to 1:45pm- this is ALSO a change of time*. Please write a note to your child's teacher, and Child Care if necessary, to inform us of a change. Your note must specify if your child will be on the car line or walker line.

In order to make dismissal procedures as smooth as possible, we ask that you discuss arrangements with your child so that he/she knows what to expect. Writing notes and talking with your child will help alleviate uncertainties he/she might have and will allow for buses to leave on time. Making changes during the school day often causes unnecessary stress and anxieties for a child. It is strongly recommended that you maintain consistent dismissal plans with your child.

TRAFFIC HAZARDS:

As a parent, you are vitally concerned with the problem of traffic hazards. If you bring such hazards to the attention of the district, we will contact the appropriate governmental officials to require a review of the situation so that corrective actions can take place. Your personal contact with town and county officials will also help speed things along with respect to correcting hazardous situations.

CAFETERIA SERVICE:

A full cafeteria program will be in operation on the first day of school. The cost of lunch at the elementary level has been changed to \$2.80. The price of milk will be \$.50. Enclosed you will find an application and eligibility requirements for free and reduced lunch.

PLEASE NOTE - TRAFFIC PATTERNS AT STRATFORD ROAD:

Due to the number of cars in our parking lot, and the fact that we share the building with the Kindergarten Center, we ask you to honor established traffic patterns for the safety of our children, parents, and staff members.

Buses will enter from **Bedford Road** and cars from **Essex Road**. As soon as you are next to the sidewalk adjacent to the school along the green curb, have your children exit from the passenger side, along the green curb only. **Do not wait** until you get to the overhang. **Please DO NOT** leave your car unattended in front of the school or pass other vehicles. These are dangerous situations that could put the children's, as well as your, safety in jeopardy.

Thank you in advance for your full cooperation regarding this information. We look forward to seeing you and your children soon.

Sincerely,

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