

Traffic/Safety Expectations

For the safety of all our children and their families, we ask for you to follow these safety guidelines. Thank you in advance for maintaining a safe environment for our Gullett community.

Arrival/Morning Drop-Off: You may drop your child off in front of the school on the west side of Treadwell. Please pull as far forward as possible. The drop off area starts on the corner by Hunt/Treadwell all the way to the small sidewalk/5th grade ramp area. Remember, in this drop off area you may not leave your car. Within the first few weeks of school, a safety patrol group of students will be organized to assist with opening car doors, directing traffic, etc. Parking on Treadwell school-side is marked towards the playground area.

You may choose to drop off your child across the street from the school on the east side of Treadwell. Your child will need to walk on the sidewalk **to one of the designated crosswalks** at the corner of Hunt Drive or Bullard where they will cross with a City of Austin crossing guard. **Crossing the street illegally (not using a crosswalk) is strictly forbidden!** Police will give tickets to parents for jaywalking. (We work diligently to teach children to be safe at all times related to streets and cars. Please be a model for us!) Double parking and/or dropping off in-between is unsafe and not allowed around the school at anytime. Please pull up to the curb areas in the correct direction.

Another area to drop off is along the side of the track on Bullard. Students may use the front sidewalk or fire lane to approach the building.

In the back parking lot, there is designated parking for parents to park and walk with their child into the building. This is NOT a drop-off area as there is poor visibility. Please don't use a "Reserved" spot as these are designated for faculty and staff. **Parents of students with special needs please talk directly with the principal for drop-off directions as done in the past.**

Everyone is to proceed directly to the cafeteria if arriving before 7:35 AM. In a week or so, we will be starting our morning outside time and additional information will be available in your handbook/back-to-school night packet.

Dismissal at End of Day with New Time – 2:57: Student safety is always the school's number one priority. **As we initiated a few years ago, we will continue to handle dismissal by uniting students and parents AT THE CLASSROOM.** This requires parents to park to retrieve their own children (and/or any others over which they have written authority to supervise after school). Parking is available on the south end of Treadwell, the Hunt Trail parking lot and along the north side of Bullard Drive.

- Each grade level has a designated space for parents to wait near the classroom. Teachers will give this information to you. If you are wanting the older sibling to get to the younger sibling's classroom, please notify both students' teachers. They in turn will notify the office. However, we always prefer parents going to each child's classroom/designated area, give eye contact/hand off signal and then proceed to the next child's classroom to do the same. This is one of those great opportunities to see your child's teacher every day! Students not picked up by 3:10 PM will be escorted to the office by the teacher. Parents will need to come to the office to pick up their children if they arrive after 3:10 pm.
- *Off-Site Childcare Providers:* Students who are picked up by an off-site childcare provider will be walked to the blacktop (same as last year), organized behind cones, and consistently monitored by adults. Childcare providers' buses will continue to park on Bullard in the designated area (as in the past), walk to the blacktop, take attendance, and then escort the students to the appropriate buses.
- *On-Site Childcare/Special Class Providers:* Students attending Creative Action, PlayBall, and IKidz (our on-site childcare providers) and/or any special after-school class (such as GLO clubs, tutoring classes when they are going on) will be walked and/or sent towards the main hallway where adults will be monitoring their movement towards the cafeteria. In the cafeteria, they will sit behind their assigned cone or designated table/s, have their afternoon snacks, and be consistently monitored by adults. All on-site instructors will be taking attendance and then escorting the students to the assigned classrooms.
- *Walkers & Bikers:* If your child is planning on walking or biking home from school, please complete the safety plan for that student, i.e. path taken from school to home, approximate time of arrival at home, phone calls, etc.

The playground is not supervised after school. If you choose to stay on campus with your child to use the playground equipment, you are responsible for your child! **There should be NO unsupervised students on the campus after 3:00.**

During the day, if you need to park your car and enter the building, we recommend that you park on the south end of Treadwell, the Hunt Trail parking lot and along the north side of Bullard Drive.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE AT ALL TIMES!!