

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS & IMPROVEMENTS

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Dear Quailwood Community,

The Fruitvale School District is continually evaluating our safety procedures and strives to put student safety at the center of our schools. With that will come some **immediate changes** and improvements which unfortunately might bring a few minor inconveniences. We thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we immediately implement the following:

- The front gate, side gate on El Rio, and serpentine gate adjoining the park *will not be opened* until just before 8:00 am and will be locked after the 8:20 late bell
- All gates will be locked again immediately after 2:15 dismissal of our primary students
- The serpentine gate adjoining the park **will now remain locked during the 2:15 dismissal of primary students**. Please plan on picking up your primary students at the El Rio Gate or come through the front gate.
This gate will be reopened for the 3:05 dismissal time, but relocked immediately after for our EDC (Extended Day Care) students.

Additionally, we ask that you help our students, parents, and crossing guard **by not parking in red zones, not parking too close to the cross walk, and being careful to slow down in all school zones**. Our crossing guard cannot cross if her view is blocked by cars. Unfortunately she has already had to call traffic control due to unsafe conditions.

Finally, we would like to remind all parents/guardians that according to California Law, anyone **under the age of 18 must wear a helmet** when riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard. Only students in grades 3rd-6th are allowed to ride bikes to school. Students in Kindergarten-2nd are allowed to ride bikes if accompanied to and from school by an adult. Also, all bikes need to be locked with a bike lock. Parking bikes in our gated bike rack is not a guarantee from theft. We have had incidents in the past of unlocked bikes being stolen from the bike rack.

We thank you for helping us keep our kids safe by abiding by these safety improvements and reminders.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 832-6415.

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