

Gaines News

From Principal Prieur

Greetings Gaines Families,

My name is Katie Prieur and I am the new Gaines Principal. This is my third year in the district and my second year at Gaines. I live in Flushing, with my husband, our two little girls Abbie -5, Ellie-2 and our goldendoodle-Max. I love spending time with my family, reading, shopping on Amazon. I am looking forward to an amazing school year.ns.

We are under way our second week of school and we are busy fostering relationships with your child and creating safe classroom environments for our students to soar this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me-

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Respectfully,

Katie Prieur, Principal



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For Safety Sake! Arrival & Dismissal Procedures for Gaines Elementary

Our first priority for your children as they arrive and leave our school is to ensure the safety and careful transport to and from the building. We ask your patience and understanding in the process of drop-off and pick up as outlined below. Thank you for being helpful in the process.

ARRIVAL TIME

The safety and supervision of students arriving on campus prior to 8:20 will be the responsibility of the parents. Please avoid dropping students off or walkers arriving before 8:20 a.m. We do not have a duty person available to supervise students dropped off before this time. Any students dropped off before 8:20 a.m. will be unsupervised, and families will be contacted. Our number one priority is the safety of our kids, so please help us with this matter by keeping your child in your vehicle until 8:20 when an adult arrives. If your child walks or rides a bike, please make sure they leave at an appropriate time so they do not arrive on campus before 8:20. At 8:23 students who eat breakfast will be released into the building. At 8:33 teachers will walk down to the designated areas to retrieve their students and take them to class. Instruction begins at 8:40 each day.

WALKING OR RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL

Many of our students live close enough to walk or bike to school. We encourage parents to allow your child to walk or to walk with your child if at all possible. Students and adults should ONLY cross streets at intersections. Also, if students ride a bike to school they are asked to dismount the bike as they approach the building and walk the bike on the sidewalk, to avoid hitting other students.

BUS RIDING PROCEDURES

Students load and unload in the bus ONLY lane in front of the building on Elm Road. Please do NOT park in the bus only lane.

AM: Students will unload buses and walk to their assigned spot on the sidewalk. Supervising adults will ensure safety while the students wait to be released into the building.

PM: Students who ride the bus will be released from the building at the end of the day and board buses. Students will be monitored and load their appropriate bus to go home.

PARENT PICK UP/DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Please do not drop off or pick up your child on Elm Road or Lansing Street. Dropping off or picking up students on these streets is a safety hazard and disrupts traffic flow. The designated area is the entrance from Lansing Street. It is a one way flow of traffic around the building exiting to ELM Road. Parents will park on the side of the building by the playground. Parents will then walk to the front of the school to the Main office. Parent pick ups will have a card that they will show to the supervising adult who will then let them into the gym no earlier than 3:25. At the first bell of 3:35 parents will be released to the classrooms to retrieve their child from the classroom teacher and exit to the south side of the building into the parking lot by the playground.

SIGNING IN/OUT STUDENTS

If a student arrives after 8:40 you will need to take them into the main office and sign them in. They will then be released to go down to class. If you are unable to pick up your child before 3:00 pm please wait until the final bell rings at 3:40 to pick up your child. We have a very difficult time transporting children to the office so close to dismissal as we do not have the staff to gather children at this late time. Any support staff we have will be occupied at this time supervising children as they are transported to buses.

Gaines Happenings 9/10/18 - 9/14/18

Monday, September 10th - Student Council Informational Meeting for interested students during lunch and recess.

Monday, September 10th - PTO Meeting 3:45 pm

Wednesday, September 12th - Homecoming Pep Assembly 1:15 pm

Friday, September 14th - Homecoming Parade 4:45 pm start time. Game time 7:00 pm

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday - Hat Day

Tuesday - Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday - Red & White Day

Thursday - Mismatch Day

Friday - Gaines T- Shirt

