

OKA SAFETY UPDATE

December 3, 2018

If you've been on the Oka campus during the school day in the past few weeks, you're aware that the Raptor Visitor/Volunteer Sign-In has now become a normal process. This was put in place at all schools throughout the Fountain Valley School District, to further support additional layers of safety, while students are on campus. To further support Oka's needs and campus safety, there will be additional changes detailed below, effective **Wednesday, December 5th**.

PARKING LOT CHANGES

The front parking lot at Oka will become STAFF ONLY PARKING between the hours of 7:30 am – 12:30 pm daily. We have a growing number of staff members on campus, and to accommodate, we need to ensure we can offer parking for all staff on our campus. The front parking lot will continue to have Handicap Parking Spaces available on a first-come, first-use basis, provided to those drivers who have appropriately displayed badges or plates. After 12:30 pm each day, the front parking lot will become available for unrestricted parking use, based on available space.

If your child is able to walk to school, or you walk with them, that will always be the healthiest, traffic-friendly option in the morning. For families who use either parking lot as their daily drive-thru student drop-off system in the morning, there will be no changes. You are encouraged to continue using that same routine before school. We recognize this may cause an inconvenience for some families, and we apologize, however, we also need to ensure that Oka has the appropriate space to support the parking needs of all staff members.

There are a few other important reminders about parking, which include:

- The secondary parking lot will remain open for parking on a first-come, first-use basis throughout the entire school day.
- Street Sweeping is on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Signs are posted that sweeping occurs between 8:00 – 12:00, however the Huntington Beach Police Department is generally around the Oka campus between 8:35 - 9:20 on these days.
- When driving through the parking lot, DO NOT attempt to drive around another car or bus in the same drive-thru lane. This creates a major safety issue, and is not acceptable.

FRONT OF SCHOOL GATES

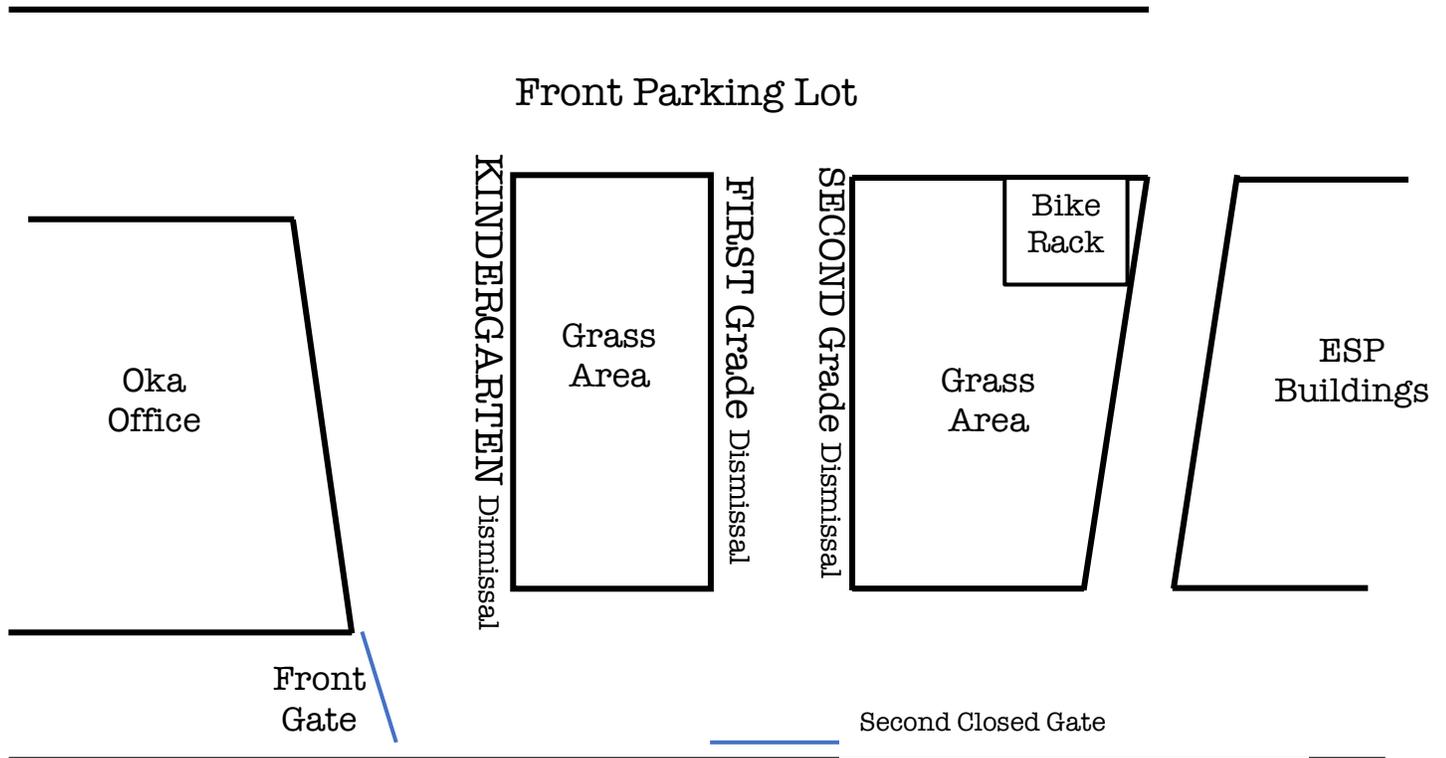
The front two gates, closest to the Oka Office, will now remain in the closed position during the school day. This is meant to provide an additional safety layer for both students and staff. These gates will remain closed from 8:15 – 2:45 (12:45 on Modified Days) and access will only be for staff, students, and approved volunteers. For any parent in our Pre-School program, please continue to use the same process you have been using, to reach your child's classroom.

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STUDENT DISMISSAL CHANGES

For students in Grades Kindergarten through 2nd, dismissal will now take place in the front of the school, closer to the Oka Office. Teachers will be escorting students out to the front grass areas, and dismissing students in the same manner, just in a new location. These locations are detailed in the map area below. For students in ESP, or any after school sponsored club/activity, they will still meet staff inside the lunch table area, in the same manner they have done previously. Please note, the Lunch Table area is Not Available for parents/families to wait either before primary dismissal, or between primary and upper dismissals. This will help maintain the learning environment for our upper grade students who are still within their instructional day, and allow staff to improve supervision procedures for our students, thus resulting in a safer campus environment. For students in Grades 3-5, there are no changes to the student dismissal process.



We recognize these changes might result in an inconvenience for some families, and while we apologize for any disruption to a prior routine, we need to ensure we are providing our students a campus environment that promotes learning and safety. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the Oka Office at 714.378.4260 or Principal Miller by email at: MillerE@fvsd.us. Thank you in advance for your support of these changes.