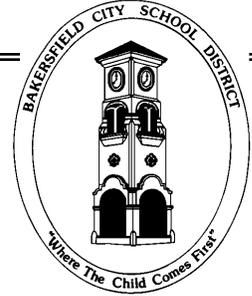


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Dear Parents/Guardians

Cesar E. Chavez Elementary is known as a warm and friendly campus where parents are always welcome. We truly value you and want you to continue feeling welcome when you come to share a meal with your child, or volunteer in your child's classroom.

In light of school tragedies that have continued to occur around the nation, we have reviewed some of our safety procedures and have decided to make some changes. One change that we have already implemented this year is that of our Safety Response Protocol (SRP). A letter was sent home with your student on September 23, 2019 explaining the protocols addressed in the SRP and the practice drills that will be occurring throughout the year. In addition to the implementation of the SRP, we will also be implementing a Closed Campus procedure beginning November 4, 2019, so that we can more easily identify adults on our campus and their reasons for being here. A closed campus increases the safety and security of your child by authorizing and accounting for all visitors. This step will also allow for a more efficient transition to the RAPTOR School Visitor Management System, which is an electronic identification system that we will implement next school year. For more information about the RAPTOR system, visit <https://raptortech.com/>.

Our campus will be closed before and after school from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., (it is already closed during school hours). Students will continue to enter campus before school through the front gate. Visitors must always check in at the front office.

- To ensure the safety of all students, the playground will not be available to visiting adults.
- Parents/Guardians may sign in and eat breakfast or lunch in the cafeteria with their student. A family table will be designated for this purpose. Only the student/s of the parent/guardian will be permitted to eat at the family table. After breakfast or lunch, all visiting adults will be required to exit through the main office. The playground and teacher classrooms are off limits to visitors before and after school, as well as during recesses, unless arrangements have been made with a teacher or administration to visit a classroom at that time, in which case the visit would be to the classroom only.
- Anyone on campus who has not properly checked in through the office will be directed back to the office to check in. A visitor sticker must be visible at all times.

We encourage you to continue to volunteer in your child's classroom, as arranged with the teacher. Our home-school partnership is part of what makes Chavez such a successful school. We will also look forward to seeing you at awards assemblies, school events, and district activities.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this important modification of our school security plan, and we realize that it is a big change. We will continue to have conversations about keeping our children safe, and your ideas and suggestions are always appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marci Davis
Acting Principal