

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Dear Future Eagles,

As principal of David Youree Elementary (DYE), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. We are all excited to be the “New” school in Rutherford County and look forward to building relationships with our new faculty, staff, students, and families. It is our mission to challenge all students to soar beyond academic standards while becoming responsible, respectful, and productive citizens, and we look forward to partnering with you to achieve it.

We look forward to building on your child(ren)’s successes and making even more progress this year. This year our key goal is to build relationships within our school. Our first step in moving towards it: provide each student with a House to be a member of and meet their mentor for their time at DYE. Read below for more information on our houses.

We set high goals, and we work hard to achieve them. But I want to assure you that this work goes well beyond the numbers. We know each student is an individual, bringing unique talents and needs to school every day. We pride ourselves on the opportunities that we have available to help every student succeed. These opportunities are included in our academic programming, which ensures that each student is challenged appropriately while building a foundation of knowledge and skills. In addition to basic core subjects, students have access to electives, extracurricular activities and other resources (such as the library and technology) that help them develop their strengths, interests and talents.

This work is not easy, but DYE is a community of professionals. We all—teachers, administrators, school counselors, support staff and the many others working with us—are collaborating to create a safe, supportive, welcoming learning community where all students are treated fairly and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Families and other community members play a critical role as partners in supporting both your students at home and work in the schools. We look forward to working with you throughout the year to make important decisions that impact both your child as an individual and the school as a whole. As a start to this partnership, we hope you will join the PTO, read with your child for 20 minutes a day, attend our family nights this year and sign up on Skyward, our online parent portal. To stay up-to-date on what’s happening throughout the year, be sure to visit our website at <https://dye.rcschools.net/>.

DYE is a wonderful learning community. I feel so privileged to be a part of it. This is a very special place, and my colleagues and I appreciate the trust that you’ve shown in us by sending your child(ren) here every day. We will do our best to ensure they have a fulfilling, happy, educational, and safe year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 615-904-6775 or wilkersonmo@rcschools.net if you have any questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Monica Wilkerson
David Youree Elementary Principal
Home of the Soaring Eagles!



Transportation Change Procedures: We must have the transportation change in writing.

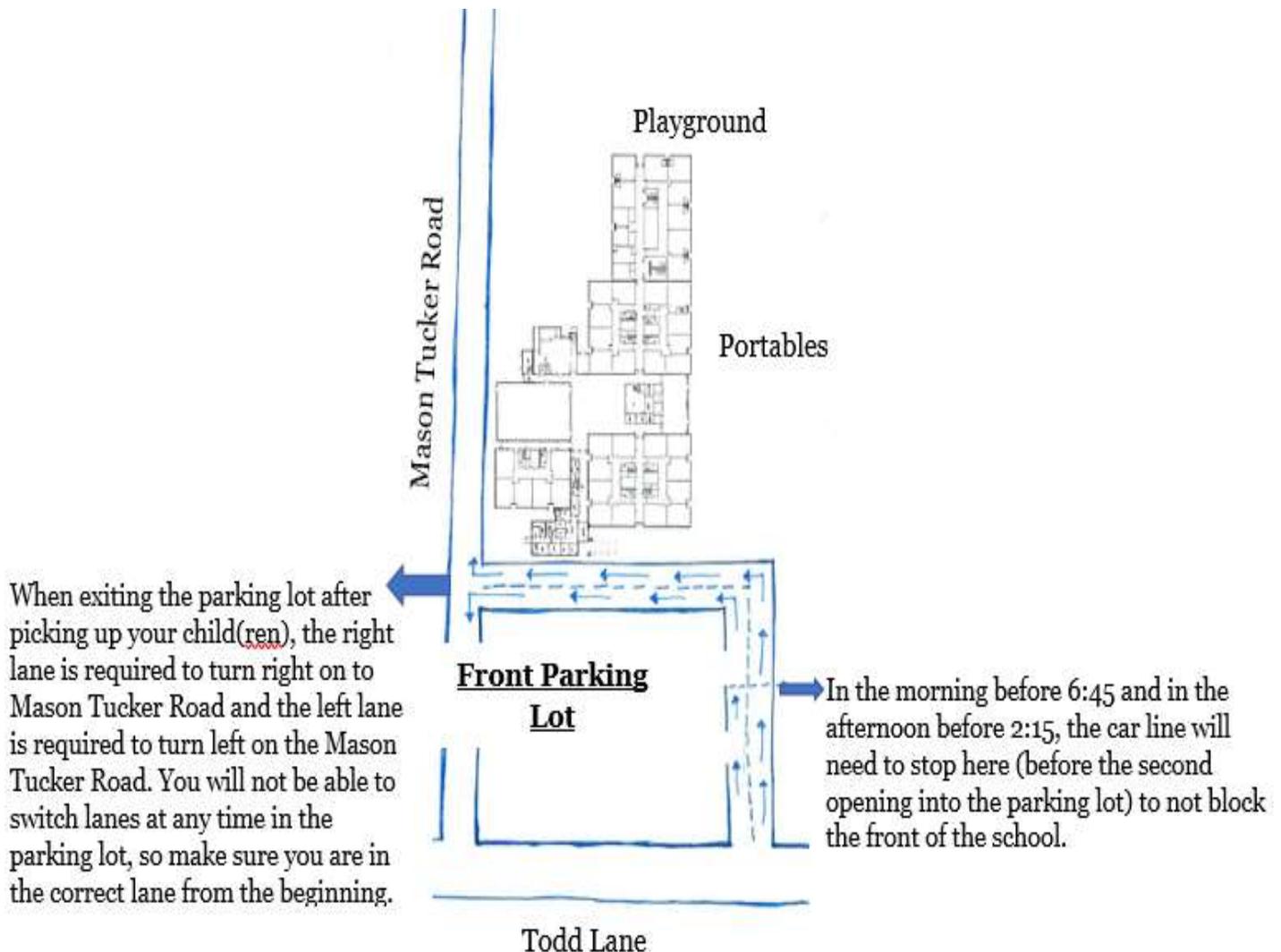
1. You may send in a handwritten note with your child to school stating the change that needs to be made.
2. You may fax us a note to the school office at 615-904-6776 and please include a copy of your driver's license in the fax. Please call the school at 615-904-6775 to be sure we received the change.
3. Should you have an emergency you may email Mrs. Diaz (diazp@rcschools.net) with the change and please include a copy of your driver's license in the email. Please call the school at 615-904-6775 to be sure we received the change.
4. We must receive all transportation changes no later than 1:00pm in writing.
5. Only persons listed on registration forms can check out students. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Early Dismissal Procedures:

You may call the school to let us know you are coming to dismiss your child early but all we can do is notify the teacher so your student is ready. We don't want them to miss any instruction time in the classroom. We will have them dismissed as soon as you arrive at school. Or you may write a note to your child's teacher indicating the reason and the time for early dismissal if you know the day before that you will be picking up your child early.

The cutoff time to check your student out is 1:45pm.

No one will be allowed to enter the building between 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm, except for official school business.



David Youree Elementary Creed

I will work hard and play fair.
I will be kind and courteous to
everyone I meet.
It's the David Youree Way.



David Youree Elementary House Plan



Our students and staff are divided into one of four houses for their time spent at David Youree. These houses are a vehicle for emotional and social support that acts as a positive learning community. The members of each house become a very close-knit group that help support and encourage each other. The house structure allows for healthy competition, camaraderie, and excitement where students have hundreds of individuals supporting them and working towards a common goal.

The houses create families within a family, helping students feel a part of something and struggling students find support when needed. House meetings are held monthly and focus on character traits and recognize specific students' achievements and contributions. Each staff member serves as a mentor for approximately 10-12 students during their time here at David Youree.



DAVID YOUREE ELEMENTARY EAGLES

Striving to do Our **BEST!**

Owning Our **Actions!**

Acting **Respectfully!**

Ready to **LEARN!**



We are **SOARING** like Eagles!

