

Dear Parents,

August 30, 2017

We cannot believe that summer is coming to an end and the beginning of school is just around the corner. We hope that you and your family had a great, relaxing summer. We are pretty excited about seeing your children next Thursday and are looking forward to getting another year started.

I wanted to take a moment to inform you of a change that we have for the coming school year. For a while now, we have had some concerns about our daily schedule and that it was not fully meeting our instructional needs at certain points of the day. We have also been concerned for a while about the amount of time that our transfer students have been spending at Hernewood in the afternoons. During the month of June we began working at a new daily schedule that would better meet our needs and help to address the long wait time at Hernewood. Just this week, the new schedule received approval from Parker Grimmer at the Public Schools Branch. We have attached it below so that you will have an idea of what our new day will look like.

There are a few items to take note off:

- 1) Drop off can still happen beginning at 8:00 if you need to deliver your child to school early.
- 2) Busses will still begin arriving at 8:30 as they have in the past.
- 3) The day will now start at 8:50 instead of 8:45.
- 4) Little Recess will now be from 10:20 until 10:35.
- 5) Lunch will take place from 12:05 until 12:35.
- 6) Dismissal will now be at 2:55 and busses will leave for Home or Hernewood at 3:00.
- 7) Kids that go directly home on the bus will be arriving home about 10 to 15 minutes later than they have in the past.
- 8) Kids that transfer at Hernewood will arrive home at about the same time as they previously have.
- 9) Wait time at Hernewood will shorten by 10 to 15 minutes for transfer students.

We are hoping that this new schedule helps to make a better day for all of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us. We look very forward to seeing your children next Thursday and getting another School Year up and running.

Andrew Stewart

Bell Times 2017-2018:

8:45 – First Bell

8:50 – Announcements and start of day

8:50-9:20 Period 1

9:20-9:50 Period 2

9:50-10:20 Period 3

10:20-10:35 Recess

10:35-11:05 Period 4

11:05-11:35 Period 5

11:35-12:05 Period 6

12:05-12:35 Recess

12:35-12:55 Lunch/Silent Reading

12:55-1:25 Period 7

1:25-1:55 Period 8

1:55-2:25 Period 9

2:25-2:55 Period 10

2:50 Primary to start dismissing to busses

2:55 All kids dismissing

3:00 Busses to leave