Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to a great new school year. At Stewart Elementary we believe that

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS! And EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!

The following are a few things we would like you to know:

1. Our school hours are 7:55-3:30
2. Students will be counted absent if they arrive after 9:30. Students are tardy if they arrive after 7:55. If students are absent, doctor excuses or parent letters MUST be turned in within 3 days or the absence will be unexcused.
3. Morning arrival:
   - The front doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before 7:30.
   - Students will continue to be provided breakfast daily from 7:30-7:55.
   - Only HISD employee children are allowed to be dropped off between 7:00-7:30 am at the cafeteria located at the east side of the school.
   - Student drop off is in the front of the building. We do not allow student drop off on the street. Parents wanting to walk their children to the front door need to park in the front parking area of the school. Parents will not be allowed to walk their children to the classroom. If you need to visit with or schedule a meeting with the teacher, we ask that you see the receptionist to leave a note or schedule an appointment by emailing the teacher or calling the school (936)435-6700.
4. Dismissal: We will release students at 3:30.
   - Walkers: Students living in a .25 mile radius, according to their address, can be considered a walker. This means they can walk without adult assistance or a parent/guardian can walk up to the side entrance designated for walkers. If your child is approved to be a walker, we have one area where parents can meet their children located on the east side of the building. A form must be filled out and approved by administrators before students are allowed to be walkers. Students will not be allowed to walk unless approved.
   - Bus: Paperwork/form must be filled out before students are allowed to ride the bus. Students who rode the bus last year will be automatically considered an approved rider for the start of school this year unless there has been an address change. New riders and any students that have changed addresses have to fill out a new bus form. Students are able to ride once transportation informs the parent/guardian they have been assigned a bus. Bus tags will be sent to the campus.
   - Front Pick-up: Parents can wait in their vehicle in the front pick-up line and staff will load children in their cars. We do not allow parents to walk up and get their children during dismissal unless they are signing them out early for an appointment. This will be considered an early pick up which counts for attendance purposes.
   - After School program: If students have registered with transportation and Boys & Girls Club, students can ride the bus to this program after school. YMCA afterschool program is located at Stewart. Students must be signed up through their program in order to go there after school.

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us. It is going to be a great year!

Shannon Williams
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