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Valencia Community,

We need your help during the drop-off and pick-up times for your child at Valencia. I also want to clear up some understanding with morning/after school supervision. This year due to transportation, we were faced different challenge to all of us. Here at Valencia, I wanted to ease family burdens by opening earlier and staying late. I understand the importance of this as a working mom.

Safety is the priority for EVERY child on campus. As a bigger campus we have very tight processes to make sure there is supervision for our very spread-out campus. Every adult on this campus cares about your child and wants them to be safe and happy. All Valencia employees have been working closely to make every day better than the last in the classroom and throughout the whole campus.

Morning supervision (new this year due to transportation):

- We open the doors at 7AM for parents that need to drop off early.
- Monitors are monitoring students in the Valencia gates.
- Breakfast opens at 8AM and is FREE to all students.
- There are NO structured activities currently for students.

Morning Parent Drop-Off:

- Please pull all the way forward into the Parent Pick-up line.
- Buses will be dropping off at Bus Bay 1 and 2.
- Do NOT park or drop off in either Bus Bay line.

After school Pick-Up:

- This is where we need the most help. If you want to volunteer to help, please email Stacey.Gist@tusd1.org.
- We do NOT have adults to handle parent pick-up. Instead, I shift our monitors to handle pick-up and buses. Every other Valencia adult that is on campus then leaves their jobs to support with in-campus supervision.
- Our parking lot is not easy so we do the best that we can to get everyone in and out as fast as possible while keeping it safe.
- Safety is important because if anyone is hurt in our lot it will negatively impact this whole community and that thought does give me sleepless nights.
- On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday students are not released from their class until 4:15PM. Many don't arrive to the area (because we are spread out) until 4:18PM. As a parent, the later you arrive after 4:15PM the faster the traffic moves. Wednesday school is not out until 3:15PM.
- Buses have to get to their pick-up locations so they can then leave campus to deliver students on time and get their next route of kiddos.
- Please listen to the adults directing traffic in the parking lot, this is for EVERY ONE's safety. If they ask you to move forward understand that is on my command as I am trying to get buses where they need to go.
- Many of you have seen me out there. I am always in my pink vest and very jaguar dressed on a bike or emptying our drive of cars. I also ride the bike.
- Please read the attached map. It will help you understand the system.
- Please do not ask your child to listen to you and not follow our directions. This is an issue of SAFETY.
- Please do not ask your child to cross a street or parking lot so it will be faster. This is an issue of SAFETY.



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After School Supervision (new this year due to transportation) to 5:30PM:

- Monitors are monitoring students by parent pick-up.
- There are NO structured activities currently for students.
- We are offering extended time because of transportation. Being aware of this, we do need communication from students and parents. Communication can be:
 - My mom doesn't get off work until 4:30PM and is getting here through traffic.
 - There was an accident so they are stuck in traffic.
- If you can get here before 5:30PM that would be fabulous to impact the amount of extra time we are on campus.
- The same people that are providing the supervision after school are providing supervision at 7AM and are helping with traffic control so please be patient with us. They are volunteering their time for the safety of your child.
- Once again, we are keeping supervision open so late due to understanding how the transportation situation has stressed this community. We have adjusted and are trying to support. Thank you for your patience.

Please review the attached PDF/Map which I drew (not to scale) to explain our process for Parent Pick-up.

Once again please remember these rules are to keep EVERY child safe on this campus even when they exit. 😊

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



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