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Dear Parents and Guardians of William F. Cooke, Jr. Elementary Students,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year at Cooke Elementary School! You and your family are invited to meet your child's teacher at our "Meet the Teacher" event on August 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Class lists will be posted in the school lobby that afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please do not call the school for your child's classroom assignment. For students in Grades 1-5, your child's first day of school is August 26th. Kindergarten students were notified by e-mail about a start date of either Monday, 8/26, or Wednesday, 8/28. There is no school on August 30th and September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday weekend. All students will attend school on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Please take note of our school hours:

8:40 a.m. - Car rider drop-off begins. Please stay in line along the curb. Staff members will be on duty to open car doors. As a safety measure, please have your child exit from the passenger side of your vehicle. For additional safety reasons, we ask that you use the car line and do not park and walk your child to the sidewalk, unless you need to come into the school for some reason. Our parking lot is very busy in the morning. Car riders go directly to the library and wait for dismissal to homerooms.

8:50 a.m. - Students who purchase breakfast at school go to the cafeteria for Grab and Go breakfast, which starts on the first day of school. Breakfast will be served until 9:00 a.m.

8:55 a.m. - All bus riders enter the building.

9:00 a.m. - Instructional day begins with morning announcements. Students are considered tardy if they arrive after 9:00 a.m.

3:45 p.m. - Car riders are dismissed. Please follow the line and remain in your vehicle. A staff member will bring your child to you. Each family is assigned a car tag number. You will have the same number as in previous years. We have purchased new tags this year so all students will be issued a car tag, which will be mailed home separately from this letter. This number must be displayed on the rear view mirror or dashboard of your vehicle.

3:55 p.m. All bus riders are dismissed.

4:05 p.m. Buses depart.

For information about breakfast and lunch, please visit the Parents and Students page on the District Website (<http://www.redclayschools.com>) and then go to "What's for Lunch?" for more information about Nutrition Services. Please remember that if your child was on free or reduced breakfast/lunch last year his/her eligibility will continue for the first 30 days of the new school year. You must re-apply every year. If your child was not on free/reduced last year, you are responsible for your child's meal purchases until you've completed the required paperwork and have received notification from Nutrition Services, if approved.

Other items to note:

- Kindergarten teachers will be in the library the first day of school to meet and greet their students. There will be a "Boo Hoo Breakfast" beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Community Room for kindergarten parents and all parents, who are new to Cooke.
- Parents of students in grades 1-5 may walk their children to class on the first day of school only.
- Please note that all early dismissals must take place before 3:15 p.m. and no transportation changes will occur after 3:15 p.m. We encourage you to choose whether your child will be a car rider or a bus rider for the school year and discourage changes except in the case of pre-arranged schedules or emergencies.
- Please see the non-mandatory school supply wish list, on our website. In addition, we ask that you provide a book bag and lunch box for your child. If that is not possible, please let me know. We have some donated school supplies to give out.

Please search for Cooke Elementary School and like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with announcements about the new school year. We look forward to meeting and greeting our students and their families on August 22nd and know that 2019-20 will be a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,

Linda C. Ennis

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