

Smoke Signals

Every child, every day at Waterway!

Committed to Excellence

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to explain our car rider procedures for the 2023-2024 school year.

School begins at 7:30 AM; if students arrive after that time, they are counted tardy. Our school day ends at 2:35 PM, and the car rider bell rings at 2:40 PM. We will close the drop-off lane each morning at 7:30 AM, if the lane is closed, your child is tardy, and you must come to the front and bring them in for tardy pass.

For morning drop-off, you can begin dropping off at 7:00 AM; teachers will not be on duty until that time. The car lane is double stacking on the entry lanes. Once you get to the end of the drive, all cars are to merge to a single lane. This is an alternating merge taking turns from each side. Each grade level will have a designated entry door. Staff members will be at every entrance and along the walkway to assist students as we learn the procedures. **Middle school students WILL NOT be allowed to be dropped off and walk to the middle school from our car rider line.** No cars will be allowed in the bus lot or the staff parking, it is for staff parking only. The front parking lot can only be used if you are parking to enter the school. It is not a student drop-off location.

For afternoon pick-up we ask that you write your child's name on the Waterway Elementary car rider placard in large, bold letters, and place it in your front window to allow for quicker pick-up times. You or your designee must have the school-issued placard for pick-up. We will use a double stacking pick-up line. A staff member will direct you into the correct line each day. Students will wait in the gym until they are called to the number where your car is located. Once both lanes are fully loaded, another staff member will direct each line into the outgoing single lane.

We also have procedures we ask you to follow to ensure the safety of all children and to allow for efficient drop-off and pick-up.

- Please pull all the way forward; if you are the first car in line, pull up to the number 1. This will allow for more cars to drop off and pick up at one time.
- Please unload your child anywhere in the line once the first car pulls around to the front number. **Please do not wait until you are at the front to unload**, this inconveniences those behind you that have already unloaded.
- Have your child ready with lunch, notes, money, and backpacks when you enter the line. Doing all of this once you enter the line to unload takes unnecessary time.
- Please do not wait for a staff member to open your car door. It will foster independence if children do this for themselves.
- Refrain from pulling around other cars. You never know when a child may step into your path.

Refrain from talking on cell phones while unloading or picking up, this will allow for your full attention to be directed toward the children and safety.

We appreciate your adhering to these procedures and ensuring the safety of our children.

If you have questions concerning these car procedures, or any issue, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Melissa Graham, Principal

Parents,

As the new school year begins, we feel it necessary to inform you of our policy for early sign outs for students. We have evaluated safety issues and instructional interruptions and have found it necessary not to allow early sign outs between 2:00-2:35. This time period is the busiest for our front office, and we are also working hard to conclude instruction for the day in classrooms. In the event you have an emergency and need an exception to this policy, you must meet with an administrator to gain approval. We appreciate your understanding as we work to maintain the highest level of safety while also preserving instructional time.

Sincerely,

Melissa Graham, Principal

Transportation Changes

Please send a written note or message the teacher if there is a change in transportation before the school day begins. If an emergency occurs and you need to change transportation during the school day, all transportation changes must be received at the school by 2:00 PM. If no written notification is received by 2:00 PM, your child will follow regular procedures for returning home.

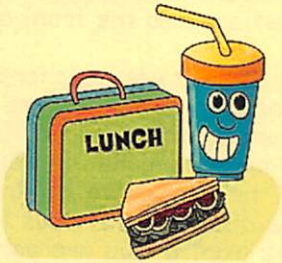
Transportation changes must be submitted in writing, email, or in person. Please email to nwalters@horrycountyschools.net.

Phone call changes will **not** be accepted due to our safety procedures.

<u>Menu</u> August 28-September 1
<u>Monday</u> Loaded Breakfast Bowl w/ Toast or Cereal Bar Teriyaki Chicken or Pizza Cruncher Sticks w/ Brown Rice / Steamed Broccoli / Roasted Carrots
<u>Tuesday</u> Mini Maple Waffles or Cereal Cup Beef Nachos or Popcorn Chicken Smackers / Corn / Lettuce-Tomato / Pinto Beans / Salsa
<u>Wednesday</u> Sausage Biscuit or Cereal Bar Bosco Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce or Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/ French Fries
<u>Thursday</u> French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patty or Cereal Cup Baked Ziti or Danimals Yogurt & String Cheese & Goldfish Crackers w/ Green Beans / Garden Salad
<u>Friday</u> Pancake Pups or Blueberry Muffin w/ Mozzarella String Cheese Cheese Pizza or Cheeseburger or PB Crustable / Corn / Potato Roasters / Veggie Nibblers / Fresh Fruit / Slushy

Menus subject to change without notice.

Serving Breakfast and Lunch
for ALL students
at
NO COST daily!



Lunch Visitors

We do allow parents to visit school for lunch time. However, parents must wait until the week of September 4th to begin visiting for lunch. This allows us the time needed to get students into the lunch routines. You must be listed on the student's contact information. Always have your ID when visiting.

<u>Menu</u> September 4-September 8
<u>Monday</u> No School
<u>Tuesday</u> Grits w/ Sausage Link & Toast or Cereal Cup Dorito Walking Taco or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Lunchable Pizza or PB Crustable / Lettuce-Tomato / Salsa / Black Bean Salsa / Corn / Veggie Nibblers / Pineapple / Fresh Fruit
<u>Wednesday</u> Chicken Biscuit or Cereal Cup Chicken Filet or Cheesy Bites w/ Marinara or PB Crustables / Sweet Potato Patty / Green Beans / Veggie Nibblers / Applesauce / Fresh Fruit
<u>Thursday</u> Maple Pancakes or Cereal Cup Cheddar Cheese Omelet w/ Sausage Patty / Biscuit / Grits / Potato Rounds / Jelly or Chicken Filet or Tukey & Cheddar Cheese Lunchable or PB Crustable / Fresh Fruit / Veggie Nibblers
<u>Friday</u> Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit or Cereal Cup Cheese Pizza or Grilled Cheese or PB Crustable / Garden Salad / Steamed Broccoli / Veggie Nibblers / Fresh Fruit / Sidekick



Security Procedures

You must bring in a driver's license or identification each time you pick up a child or visit our school.

PTO Meeting
Monday, August 28
6:00 PM
Auditorium



We are taking orders for Waterway Spirit Shirts

Orders due by September 8



School Closed
Monday, September 4, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

August 30	Reading MAP Testing
September 1	Math MAP Testing
September 4	No School
September 8	Fall Picture Day
September 22	Interim Reports Available

Nondiscrimination Policy Statement-

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