

Dear Pike Road Intermediate School Parents and Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Pike Road Intermediate School. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a great reputation and rich tradition of education! I would like to also introduce our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Courtney Bass. He is super excited and joins the Pike Road Family from Auburn, Alabama. We have outlined a few topics for you to think about for the 2021-2022 school year.

Open House will be held on **August 12th from 3:00-5:00**. You will be able to meet Mr. Courtney Bass and myself at the school. School Supply lists are available on Facebook-Pike Road Intermediate PTA, www.pris.school, or printed at Wal-Mart. **Please be on the lookout for a phone call from your child's teacher on August 11th.**

Curriculum Nights - We will be having these after school gets started. We want your child to get adjusted to their grade level and teachers. These will be beneficial in efforts to help you with any curriculum questions. Please mark your calendar for your child's Curriculum Night:

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August 24th - 6th Grade 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
August 25th - 4th Grade 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
August 26th - 5th Grade 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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First Day of School is on Tuesday, August 17th! We are so excited! Please make sure your child's supplies are brought to the school on open house night or before the first day of school. No masks will be required this year. School begins at 8:00 am. Learners who do not ride buses should not arrive at school before 7:15. Learners who do not ride buses but want to eat breakfast at school must arrive before 7:45.

Morning Drop Off: Learners are to be dropped off as directed, in the carpool area, at the front entrance of the school.

- 1. Parents must pull down as far as possible (as traffic allows). School staff will help direct traffic.
- 2. Learners must have daily items such as lunch boxes, etc. in hand and ready to exit the passenger side of the car.
- 3. Learners will be directed to the designated area assigned to their grade level.
- 4. Parents must not get out of the vehicle for any reason.
- 5. When parents feel that it is necessary to get out of the vehicle, they must park in a parking space and walk their student to the sidewalk.

Afternoon Pick Up:

- 1. Parents will be issued a name identification tag with the school logo. You must clearly print your child's name on this tag. When the carpool line is entered the tag must be plainly displayed in the front windshield.
- 2. Please do not arrive at the carpool area before 2:50 as this causes a tremendous traffic flow issue.
- 3. A strategic procedure is in place where all carpool learners are seated in the gym by grade level, their first and last name is announced twice over the loudspeaker, and multiple adults are monitoring learner responses and movement to the dismissal area. Staff members will assist learners to the carpool lane which is located at the end of the sidewalk where duty personnel control traffic flow. It is important that you are aware of these procedures so you can remind your child and be supportive and cooperative of the process.
- 4. If your child is not in the designated area when you arrive to pick him/her up you will be asked to park in a designated space and come to the front office with your nameplate.
- 5. Please hold your child/children accountable for their behavior during dismissal. When learners are talking and/or playing they do not hear their name being called therefore they do not know when to report. This causes a delay in the dismissal process and also backs up traffic. In addition, ensure your child is familiar with the color of the vehicle you drive so they can assist in locating the car.
- 3. Learners are not allowed to re-enter the building once they are dismissed.

ALL students must be picked up by 3:30 pm. Any student that is left beyond 3:30pm will be sent to After School Care and will be charged a \$10 Fee for every 30 minutes that the student is in After School Care.



Attendance is extremely important. We want to make sure your child is learning all the skills they need to learn in each grade level. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) at school on time. This will also have an important impact on our school's report card grade. We appreciate your support on this!

Breakfast: Students/Faculty/Staff/Visitors \$2.25 **Lunch:** Students/Faculty/Staff/Visitors \$4.00

Parents are encouraged to make deposits on a weekly or monthly basis rather than a daily basis. Parents may deposit funds into their child's account by sending a check (made payable to PRS) or cash

to the school. Parents may also access and deposit funds into their child's account by using the automatic pay service available at https://family.titank12.com/ A link to this site is available by going to the Child Nutrition section of our website and clicking on 'Online Meal Payment'. This service charges a fee per transaction. We will not be able to charge meals this year, please make sure that your child has enough money in their account. On Monday's students can purchase a hot lunch or Papa John's Pizza. On Wednesday's, Chick Fila is offered.

After School Activities will be offered from Taekwondo, Abrakadoodle, and Pike Road Dance Academy. Information will be coming home soon.

After School Childcare will be offered this school year from 3:00-6:00 Monday through Friday for \$220.00 each month for students in grades 4th-6th. If you are interested please contact the front office and we can get a packet to you.

Buses: Transported students may only ride their *assigned* bus. Students who misbehave on a bus may be suspended from riding their bus or lose bus privileges, as stated in the Patriot Code of Conduct. Parents will be responsible to find alternative transportation. Transported students will ride their bus home each day **unless the school is notified by the parent in writing that other arrangements have been made for their child's transportation** *prior to 1:00 p.m.*

Transportation changes of any kind may not be made over the telephone. All transportation changes (car riders, walkers, bus riders, after-school care) must be received in person, in writing, or via email in the office by 1:00 pm. No changes will be made after this time. If you need assistance in finding out which bus your child will ride, you can contact PRIS or the Transportation Department at 334-420-5370.

Last, we ask that if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, education, or school concerns that <u>you first contact your child's teacher or administration</u>. We are happy to help assist you with any questions or concerns you might have and want the best for your child.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to working with you and your child! Go Patriots!!!
Sincerely,

Dr. Bonnie Sullivan, PhD Principal, Pike Road Intermediate School