



Spencer Borden Elementary School

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Welcome Back! We are happy to begin the school year with you and your family. Teachers, staff, and students are excited to begin a wonderful new school year. **Please make sure you review all paperwork and turn in information, especially the student verification form which updates emergency contact information as well as dismissal plans for your child. We also need a lunch form back from all families.**

Please help us to keep your children safe! At the end of the day, please wait behind the white line/cones on Chestnut Street for your children's teachers to dismiss your children to you. If you start crowding near the exit, teachers cannot see where your children are going. On Small Street, please wait on the walkway near the playground or on President Avenue, not the door. Also, do not drive into the parking lot at Small Street. Please park your car on President Avenue and wait for your child there. By driving into the parking lot is causing an unsafe situation for the students. Also, please do not enter the building at the end of the day (unless there is an emergency), as this can cause confusion at dismissal time. Teachers will bring the children out to you.

K-2 NEW BUS PROCEDURE - I am informing all families in K-2 who receive transportation from the FRPS, there is a change in procedure for all students who are not received at their drop off point. Previously those students would be returned to their school for pick up by a parent. Beginning Monday, September 11th, any student who is not met by a parent or guardian at the appropriate drop off point will be delivered to the Transportation Office located at 290 Rock Street, second floor. The phone number is 508-675-8330 x. 55237. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child is picked up successfully. We will continue to follow our standard operating procedure of contacting both DCF and the police for repeated incidents beyond three occurrences.

ATTENDANCE POLICY- FRPS has implemented a new attendance policy which requires us to contact families when children are absent. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances, but we also know that when students miss too much school – regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Please make sure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

Information Updates - Make sure to look for the Tuesday notice every week with important information. You can also look at the FRPS Spencer Borden web page at www.fallriverschools.org/spencer.cfm for important information. New this year.....Spencer Borden is on Twitter! Follow us @frps._sb for updates with important information.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- *Kindergarten starts on Wednesday, September 13th*
- *Individual Picture Day will be on Thursday, September 21st. Forms will be coming home shortly. Picture Day is a free dress down day and all students take a picture, regardless of whether they are purchasing a package or now.*
- *Open House will be on Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00-8:00. This is a time to come and learn more about the school, meet your child's teacher, and visit the classroom. We hope you will join us this evening!*

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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