

## Aviara Oaks Elementary School Safety and Traffic Plan

Due to increasing enrollment, there will be a greater number of cars entering and exiting the school driveway again this year. To reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic, we are continuing our staggered schedule this year. Following is our new daily schedule:

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>
Kindergarten A.M.	7:55	11:18
Grades 3-5	8:05	2:25
Grades 1-2	8:20	2:40
K – Late Owls	9:35	12:55
Kindergarten P.M.	11:37	3:00

If you have a child in grades 3-5 who will be required to wait after school for their grade 1-2 sibling, supervision will be provided on the intermediate playground until grades 1-2 are dismissed. A staff member will escort these older siblings to the parking lot to meet their primary grade siblings at the time of primary dismissal. On rainy days, these students will wait and be supervised in the school auditorium.

It will continue to be helpful if you plan to carpool or walk onto campus whenever possible. For those driving onto campus, **anticipate a 15 – 20 minute delay to pick-up your child after school.** Please review the following information with your family prior to the start of school and **follow the established procedures at all times.** As delays occur, please be patient. As always, our number one priority is to maintain student safety.

Please note that the following procedures are subject to change as enrollment increases. Parents will be notified when changes occur.

### **Parking**

Due to increasing numbers of teachers on staff, the parking spaces in the large and small u-shaped parking lots are reserved for staff only. Open parking is available along the left hand side of the driveway, at the middle school, and along Ambrosia Lane. Stairs are located between AOM and AOE for easy access. Parking along the yellow curb is permitted as posted; however, **this area must be cleared for drop-off and pick-up of students before and after school.**

### **Kindergarten Students**

#### **A.M. and P.M. Arrival**

Kindergarten students enter the campus through the kindergarten playground gate. A sign is posted near the gate at this location. Teachers will open the gate 10 minutes prior to the start of school and provide supervision for kindergarten children on the playground before the starting bell. So that teachers can safely supervise students, siblings and parents are not permitted on the playground after the first week of school. We need your cooperation, even during the first week of school, by parking in designated parking areas and NOT in front of the kindergarten gate entry area as students in grades 1-5 are dropped off in that area. **Please do not double-park during drop-off as this causes a major “bottleneck.”** Parents are welcome to remain on campus to visit with each other after dropping off their children; however, as a courtesy to all drivers, please remember that **vehicles must be moved to a designated parking area.**

#### **Kindergarten Dismissal**

Kindergarten students will be lined up on the playground and dismissed, one by one, from the kindergarten playground as their parents arrive at the gate. Please wait at the gate and do not come to the classroom so that the teachers can release the children in a safe and orderly manner. **Please do not double-park during pick-up as this causes a major “bottleneck.”** With 31 students per class, the

teachers need your help in following the established procedures for the safety of all students during dismissal.

Supervision is provided at the waiting area for 15 minutes after dismissal. Students left waiting beyond this time will be taken to the office and parents notified. Further information regarding pick-up procedures will be sent home by the classroom teachers.

## **1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

- Students may be dropped-off and picked-up along the yellow curb in front of the kindergarten playground and in the large u-shaped parking lot. **Please do not leave your car unattended and do not double-park as this causes a major “bottleneck.”** Students usually require 5 – 10 minutes to reach the pick-up area after the dismissal bell rings.
- Grade level signs are posted for pick-up along the curb in front of the kindergarten playground for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. To alleviate some of the congestion on the elementary campus this year, **fifth grade students will be released from the middle school dismissal area.** Teachers will escort their students to the designated areas after school.
- Fifth grade parents picking their children up in the middle school area must not arrive early. Middle school dismissal is at 2:10 and the parents of middle school students have first priority in their drive. For this new system to work, **elementary parents should not arrive before 2:25.**
- **Students that carpool should select a specific location to meet. Please be sure to review the appropriate location with your child prior to the start of school. Please notify your child’s teacher if the student needs assistance getting to the designated area.**
- Teacher supervision is provided at the waiting area for 20 minutes after dismissal. Supervision is focused on keeping students safely on the sidewalk, not on directing traffic. Students waiting beyond this time will be escorted to the office. **Children should not wait alone off school grounds.** Please note that the school office closes at 3:30 p.m. If the office staff is unable to contact the parent by 3:30 p.m., the Carlsbad Police Department will be called to help locate the parent and supervise the child until the parent arrives. Please be sure to keep contact information current with the office at all times.
- Students are not permitted to walk across the parking lot or driveway without an adult.
- **There is no stopping along the red curbs, no parking along the yellow curbs as posted, and no double parking permitted. The Carlsbad Police Department will issue citations accordingly.**
- **Middle school students waiting for younger siblings to dismiss from the elementary school must wait on the middle school campus where supervision is provided.** Elementary students waiting for older siblings to dismiss on Thursdays must wait on the elementary school campus in front of the main school office. There have been numerous problems from both elementary and middle school students waiting in unsupervised areas. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

### **Bicycles**

- A “No Bike Zone” has been created along the school driveway between the elementary and middle schools. All elementary and middle school students entering the campus from the top of the driveway must park their bikes in the storage area behind the cafeteria. All elementary and middle school students entering from the bottom of the driveway must park their bikes in the gated area at the base of the driveway. Students must walk their bikes on the sidewalk when entering and exiting the campus and are not permitted to ride their bikes in the school driveway. Bikes need to be locked. The school is not responsible for stolen or damaged bikes. Please instruct your child to

walk his or her bike across the street at the light on Ambrosia and Aviara Parkway following traffic signals. As this is not school property, school supervision is not provided. The City of Carlsbad assigns a crossing guard at this location.

- Skateboards and scooters are not permitted on campus.

Due to lack of funds, the school is unable to hire staff to direct traffic. If you are interested in leading and/or supporting a volunteer force to help direct traffic after school, please call the office.

**This Plan has been developed for the safety of your children. Your cooperation in following the established procedures is greatly appreciated.**