

Dear Parents of Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Students,

Vista La Mesa is working toward a completely closed campus in order to ensure the safety of all of our children and staff members.

In January, the school office will begin to use a system of visitor identification that will check all visitors into school by using their California Identification cards or driver's licenses. This is going to be a little different from our usual practice of allowing parents to come through the gates to pick up and drop off children.

This new system will require us to make a number of changes:

- We will be adjusting how we do preschool drop offs and pickups.
- We will be adjusting how we do TK and Kinder drop offs and pick ups.
- We will be changing how we register and check in volunteers and other campus visitors.
- We will need to train everyone to become persistent about closing gates behind them so that access is only through our office--only students and staff members with IDs should use the gates.

As part of our transition to the new safety system, we need our TK and Kinder parents to begin to drop children off outside the front gates, allowing the children to make their way to their classes in the morning. Kinders without their parents may come through front gates to sit supervised on the wall or go to Cheetah Race Club. In addition, we need parents to pick up their TK and kinder students at dismissal outside the gates of the cafeteria entrances. This change in dismissal and arrival for TK and Kinder students begins November 26, 2018, when we return from Thanksgiving Break. We know it will be different and so we hope you will discuss the change with your child before you return to school on the 26th.

- New TK-Kinder Arrival system--children come through the school front gate without parents and go to their classrooms.
- New TK-Kinder Dismissal system--Teachers take their classes to the steps by the cafeteria at the end of the school day and parents come to the cafeteria gate to get their children.

Thank you for helping us as we make the changes on campus to ensure the safety of all of our children and staff members.

Regards,

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Principal

Vista La Mesa Academy