

EVANS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK

Together We Can



**Arrival and Dismissal
2020-2021**



ARRIVAL

All students who walk or are driven to school should plan to arrive between 8:45 and 9:00 am, when supervision is available. If you arrive a few minutes early, you must remain in your car with your children. Students will enter through their assigned doors; staff are present in hallways to assist.

DISMISSAL

Walkers will be dismissed at 3:00 PM and will exit from a variety of doors, the same doors they used to enter. Parents or their designees should park and wait outside **on the blacktop**, socially distanced, for their children. We have instructed students to tell a staff member that you are here (they will usually point you out to us as well). Please leave the school grounds as soon as you have met your children at the end of the day. We have gone to great lengths to keep the students safely in small cohorts all day, including when they move to use bathrooms and go out for recess. Having them intermingle on the playground or blacktop after school is not consistent with those protocols. ***Therefore, no one should remain on or near the playground after school.*** We appreciate your attention to this.

Students going home by bus will be dismissed at 3:15 PM. They will go out the main entrance door and board in route order, last stop in the back.

Changes in dismissal require careful attention and monitoring. For this reason, all parents requesting any change must inform the classroom teacher in writing each school day, preferably at the start of the school day and on paper. Your cooperation in minimizing the number of dismissal changes is critical this year; thank you in advance for that.

What cannot be stated too carefully and too often is that the children's safety is our first concern. Please adhere to all arrival and dismissal guidelines and share them with relatives or friends who may be coming in your place to drop off or pick up.

VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

- Drivers of private vehicles drop their children off at the end of the driveway, not near the front entrance. When you arrive behind a bus, you must wait until the bus pulls away and drive to the end of the driveway before releasing children from the cars. **Private vehicles should NEVER stop to release children from the car in the bus area, behind buses or in the middle of the driveway.**
- If your child requires assistance in exiting your car, pull into a parking space and take the necessary time to provide that. Please do not leave the driver's seat of your car when stopped along the driveway; this causes unnecessary delays for those behind you.
- Afternoon buses will be parked early; they need the full length of the driveway to do so. At dismissal time, park in empty spaces or along the side streets, but never in the driveway. **Please leave your car and meet your children on the blacktop. No students will be permitted to meet parents or designees at their cars.**
- Please, always use extreme caution when driving in or around the building, remembering that the same traffic rules for stopping for school buses with flashing red lights apply in front of the school.

PARKING

Parking is limited on the property of Evans Park; please park only in marked spaces when visiting the building. Parking along the side streets is also available, but must be in accordance with Orangetown parking rules, clearly marked with signs on the streets. **Please do not park in areas that block other cars or buses.**

Again, the children's safety is our first concern. Please adhere to parking and traffic regulations to ensure that all children are out of harm's way when moving outside around the building.