

Dear Parents:

August, 2022

Welcome to Kiser Elementary School! We are so excited to begin another successful school year. The Kiser Elementary teachers and staff are working hard to plan not only a thorough and rigorous educational experience for all of our students, but also a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students.

We want to work as a team, with parents, to create an optimal learning environment for our students. Continuous communication between home and school is paramount to the success of our educational program. As parents, you are encouraged to be actively involved in your child's education by talking to your child about school, helping with

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Documentation

- Following any absence(s), a student is required to present a written document from the parent or guardian

of their driving while simultaneously supervising a busload of students. For safety reasons, children are expected to be well-behaved, exhibiting respect to both the driver and fellow bus riders. Children who display poor behavior may be denied bus privileges. To ensure the safety of all, please impress upon your child the need to behave while on the bus. Questions related to bus discipline should be directed to either Mrs. Withers or Dr. Brusie.

If you must change your child's method of transportation, send a note with your child. For your child's safety, we do not take ride change requests over the telephone. If your child must ride a bus other than his/her regularly assigned bus, the child must bring a note with a telephone number to verify the change. Changes are subject to space and must be signed by an administrator. Children will be picked up and dropped off at their home address only without a note from a parent.

The following expectations apply to ALL bus riders:

- Students will follow the Code of Conduct.
- Students will be on time.
- Students will keep the bus clean.
- Students will talk softly and appropriately.
- Students will keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.
- Students will respect themselves, others and property.
- Students will stay seated and keep the aisle clear.
- Students will listen to the driver and other adults.
- Students will get on and off at their assigned stop.

CAR RIDERS/CAR TAGS

Car riders will be dropped off at the front of the school building in the morning. Please note that there are no left turns into or out of the front parking lot. Cars should take E. Church or E. Parkwood to N. Mauney St, then a right onto E. Chestnut and a right into the front parking lot. After drop off, cars will take a right onto E. Chestnut.

For safety purposes, all cars must have a tag number which will hang from the rear view mirror of the car for after school pick-up. If your child is an odd

the building. Third grade will stay close to the sidewalk and pick up at the end of the building. Fourth grade will follow the playground fence and around to the door at the side of the building.

Order form must be signed by a recognized medical authority and returned to the school cafeteria manager, school nurse, or the School Nutrition department.

Please join us for Holiday meals on the following dates:

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FIELD TRIPS

Teachers will plan field trips during the school year to support their instructional programs. You will be notified in advance so that written permission can be granted.

with opportunities to refine and extend their knowledge. Individual student capabilities, and demands upon time, are factors to consider when applying the following suggested homework-time guidelines (approximately 10 minutes per grade level). These suggested times are in addition to independent reading (picture or chapter books) that may be assigned by individual teachers.

To teach responsibility, we expect students to complete class work and homework on time. However, if your child does not understand the assignment, or fails to accomplish the task because of difficulty, please write a note to the teacher informing him/her of the problem. Parents will be notified if incomplete homework becomes a problem.

Homework requires an investment in time, effort, and energy to work effectively. We encourage you to make this investment, as it will result in more quality learning and improved school performance.

MCGUIRE NUCLEAR PLAN

Kiser is located within the McGuire Nuclear Plant Zone. In the unlikely event of a radiological emergency at the plant, we will evacuate to North Gaston High School. Our school has developed a plan in conjunction with Duke Power, Gaston County Schools, and Gaston County Emergency Management.

MEDIA CENTER

Kiser has an excellent library that we encourage children to use frequently. Please urge your child to bring library books home on a regular basis. Reading with your child is an excellent way to spend time together while reinforcing important reading skills. Studies show that children who have been read to often develop a great love of reading. You can help by reading to your child, or listening to him or her read daily. Checking out library books can also teach children responsibility. Children are expected to take care of the school's books and return them on time. To help defray the cost of book replacement/repair, students will be charged for lost or damaged books.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT/PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Parents are represented on the School Improvement Team, Parent Advisory Committee and the PTO. Feel free to contact these individuals if you have questions or concerns. Our PTO always needs active committee members. The Kiser PTO is an active part of the school community. Watch the school website and newsletters for PTO updates and ways to get involved.

We are always in need of parent volunteers and encourage your involvement. Giving your time and talents to the school is a great way to support your child's education while communicating to your son/daughter the importance of learning. We realize busy lives are a reality for all of our families.

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Children are under the supervision of Kiser staff during school hours. Please do not attempt to handle a discipline issue or concern between your child and another Kiser child. All concerns of this nature must be handled through the school administration or your child's teacher.

Thank you for taking the time to read and discuss this important information! Go Tigers!