

# SANTAN ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents,

In light of recent events and the uncertainties faced in our world today, we are taking a proactive step to further protect the students and staff on the Santan Elementary campus. For some time, Chandler Police have encouraged the limiting of additional people on our campus both before and after school; however, it was always my response that our campus community is very watchful and has always done a wonderful job of letting us know when there is something or someone out of place. Given recent events, we believe it is in the best interest of our students and staff to limit individuals on campus both before and after school, when not specifically involved in an activity or event.

Therefore, beginning Tuesday, March 27, upon our return from Spring Break, we are altering our morning drop off and afternoon pickup procedures. With the exception of students enrolled in Kids Express, all students will need to be dropped off beginning at 8:10 a.m. (unless scheduled earlier for a specific reason) on the North end of campus (gate nearest the bike racks) or students who walk may enter through either the West gates outside the front office or the North gate. Please note the North gate will not be open prior to 8:10 a.m. Any earlier entry must take place through the West gate nearest the front office. We are limiting points of entry and staffing the gates we will be utilizing. The easternmost gate from the neighborhood will continue to be open (and closed) as it has been, but we will have a staff member there, as well. When students are tardy in the morning, they will need to check in through the front office, obtain a pass and go directly to their classrooms. Parents will not need to accompany them.

In regard to afternoon pick up, students will exit either through the West gates, if walking, or the north gates to our Parent Pickup zone. The East gate will continue to be available for after school use, as well. Our flow of traffic will continue to follow the same path it has all year.

In summary, adults will not be allowed to come onto campus prior to the end of the day and wait for students to exit buildings, just as they will not be able to spend the mornings on the playground or in the center of campus with students.

We still encourage parents to attend special events on campus, as well as volunteer in our classrooms. Friday lunches will still be open to family visitors, as well. For all these activities, we simply ask that the individual check in through the front office and check out through the front office prior to leaving. We also ask that any time someone exits through a gate that it be closed behind them.

Please know closing our campus is not an action taken lightly, but one taken with the best interests of our campus in mind. We respectfully ask for your patience and your courteous attention to the staff members on duty. We know there will be some adjustment pains; however, these pains are well worth the added security benefits.

If you have questions, please let us know.

Respectfully,

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