

Important Information on Safety Upgrades and New Safety Procedures July 28, 2017

We have some exciting changes that we have implemented here at Westar Elementary School. If you have visited the school in the last few weeks you have noticed an added security door in the front office. Our district communities, including our families at Westar, have expressed that safety is a top concern. Security doors have been installed at all campuses to address this important topic and security cameras are also being installed to monitor our campus 24/7. This will further enhance our security system and will serve as a visual deterrent to unauthorized access or activity on our campus and facility parking lots. We have worked in conjunction with our local law enforcement to look at the best ways to make our campuses safer and we will continue to partner with them as we work to ensure our students safety, which is of the highest priority to all of us.

To provide the highest level of safety for our students and staff members, our campus will now be closed and we will be implementing new safety procedures. All visitors will now need to come into the school through the front office and will be buzzed through our new security door. Please be prepared to provide an ID to check a student out or to enter campus. Everyone that is entering our campus must enter through the front office, sign in, show ID, and receive a visitor's badge or sticker before going to their student's classroom. Only students will be allowed to walk on campus at any time, this includes the morning arrival and after school dismissal. Staff will be monitoring the gates to maintain this safety protocol.

This will be a transition for all of us as we strive to ensure safety for all. Please know, this is for the safety of all our students and staff members, and we ask that you work with us as we implement these changes to reflect our new security policy and procedures.

On the first day of school, Wednesday, August 2nd, parents/guardians will be allowed to walk on campus through the front and side gates. After the first day all guests must enter through the front office. Please stop by the front office if you should have any concerns.

We appreciate your cooperation and support during our transition in making our campus a safer place for our students, as well as for our staff.

