

Welcome back to



August 2019

Dear Traver Families,

Welcome back to the opening of another exciting school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer with friends and family. We have been working very hard at Traver getting the building ready for the 2019-2020 school year. A big Traver welcome to our incoming Kindergarten students and students new to Traver. We are thrilled you are joining the Traver Learning Community!

A big thank you to all the staff this summer who went above and beyond to get our school ready for all the students, staff and families. Please be sure to thank our secretaries, Mrs. Ferrara (assistant to the principal), custodians, and maintenance and grounds. They work tirelessly throughout the summer to have our building up and running for September.

Many of you are awaiting the student placement information for the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, Arlington will no longer be sending elementary teacher assignments in the mail. This information will be available on the Parent Portal(click here for information) [Parent Portal FAQs](#).

We will send the majority of the letters contained in the summer packets by email via [SchoolMessenger](#).

Please note that we will continue to send home printed copies of elementary report cards as we have always done.

Our staff put a lot of time and effort into the placement process, and we collaborated with information from families, teachers and our support staff to make the best possible placement decisions for students.

Together, the Traver faculty, staff, students and families make up a strong, supportive, learning community. We appreciate your support as your child(ren) enters our school and learns and grows throughout the year. By working together, we will be able to provide a nurturing, supportive and exciting school year for our learners.

There is a lot of information below that will give you a jump start on the school year. Please try and fill out all the forms sent home and return them with your child the first couple of days of school.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions/concerns. We look forward to our first day of school, Thursday, September 5th.

Respectfully,

Cara Conrad
Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

The first day of school for students is *Thursday, September 5, 2019*. Other important September dates are:

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Kindergarten Meet & Greet	Tuesday, September 3rd	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten Teacher's Classroom
*Kindergarten Curriculum Night	Tuesday, September 3rd	4:00pm-4:45pm	*Courtyard area & Kindergarten Teacher's Classrooms
1 st grade Meet & Greet	Wednesday, September 4 th	1:30pm-2:00pm	1 st grade Teacher's Classrooms
*1 st grade Curriculum Night	Tuesday, September 3rd	6:00pm-6:45pm	*Courtyard area & 1 st grade Teacher's Classrooms
2 nd grade Meet & Greet	Wednesday, September 4 th	2:30pm-3:00pm	2 nd grade Teacher's Classrooms
*2 nd grade Curriculum Night	Tuesday, September 3rd	5:00pm-5:45pm	*Courtyard area & 2 nd grade Teacher's Classrooms
Mrs. Burnell's Meet & Greet	Wednesday, September 4 th	2:30pm-3:00pm	Room 101
*Mrs. Burnell's Curriculum Night	Tuesday, September 3rd	5:00pm-5:45pm	*Courtyard area & Room 101

*The courtyard area: from the playground, the pavement area between the two buildings
 ~Curriculum Night/Back to School Night for **all grade levels** is Tuesday, September 3rd.

-Please note that Curriculum Nights are for Parents/Guardians only. This is an opportunity to engage with your child's teacher and learn about the upcoming school year.

You can also follow school updates on our website: [Traver Road Website](#)

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IMPORTANT TRAVER PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Day:

Our day & school bell rings at 8:40am. If you are driving your child to school, children *only* may enter the building at 8:30 am. Students will then wait in the hallway, on the benches, with a staff member before the 8:40am bell.

The school day ends at 3:10pm. Read below for arrival & dismissal safety procedures.



Arrival/Dismissal - Kiss & Go

Arrival

If your child will be a car rider in the morning, please follow the signs (Kiss & Go) around our parking lot to safely drop your child off with school staff. We will have extra staff helping the first week or two to help out.

Dismissal

In an effort to ensure the safety of our students at dismissal time, we are continuing our new sign-out procedure at both buildings. Effective **Thursday, September 6**, we continue our “Kiss and Go” procedure whereby parents and caregivers do not leave their vehicles. Children will instead be brought by a staff member to your waiting vehicle.

Please be prepared to show your license, or other government issued identification to the staff members in charge of the sign out procedure. Once you present your identification and sign out the child, they will be brought to your car. You will never exit the vehicle, unless to seatbelt your child when necessary. This process will begin at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Our dismissal procedure at both buildings will consist of the following:

- You will pull into the school and remain in one long line of cars, stopping at the designated loading location; and after being reunited with your child, you will exit the parking lot.
- The designated areas will be the parking lot side of the building at Traver Road School and the side door at West Road School.
- You will remain in your vehicle at all times.
- Each vehicle will be met by a supervising staff member where the driver will provide identification and sign out their child(ren).
- Students will be walked to your vehicle.
- As you receive your child and they are safely in the vehicle, you will exit the parking lot and the next car will pull up.
- Please remain in your vehicles in the order that you arrive, to ensure the safety of the children.

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We realize this new procedure might take extra time at the beginning of the school year, but it is imperative for us to ensure safety and eliminate any parking concerns that currently exist.

Thank you in advance for your patience and support while we strive to develop a seamless system for a safe dismissal.

Safety:

When you enter the school building at **any time**, please be sure to have **government issued photo ID**. You will be asked to show it every time. We have this policy in place to ensure safety of students and staff.



Bus information:

Traver Primary & West Road have separate busses; this means that all K-2 Traver students will have their own busses. Please review the enclosed bus rules with your child. Transportation will send out separate bussing information from their office before school.

Also, it is important to note that during the first couple of weeks, the bus times will most likely be delayed, especially at dismissal. The staff works hard providing the children with bus safety instruction and assistance in locating their busses in our line-up. On the first day of school it is not unusual for us to take up to a half-hour to be sure all children are on the correct busses. Within a week or two, the delays normally disappear. Please feel free to call the school with any concerns. (845-635-4300).

Despite the delays, we strongly recommend that you encourage your child to ride the bus the first week of school. Important routines and safety lessons are learned at this time.

Cafeteria:



Our cafeteria will be open and ready for the children on the first day of school. The menu for the first day is: hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, broccoli florets, diced pears and fresh fruit (*menu subject to change*). The cost for lunch is \$2.95. A monthly menu will go home on the first day of school and will always be posted on the website [Food Services Website](#).

Application for free or reduced lunch prices must be submitted each year. An application will go home with the menu.

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Office Staff:

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please call us. Our phone number is 845-635-4300. Mrs. Jayne Murphy and Ms. Mary-Ellen Borchert are Traver's secretaries and are always happy to assist.

Mrs. Rosanna Ferrara is a 2nd grade teacher as well as assistant to the principal. She is the first person to contact if you have bus concerns regarding your child.

General questions/Concerns:

During the school year, you may have questions and/or concerns that arise regarding your child. It is important to always start with the classroom teacher. Your son/daughter is with their teacher the majority of the school day and they are always happy to assist you in any way. Marybeth Neils, our school psychologist and Scott Carruthers, our school social worker, are also available to support when needed.

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