

Open Campus Guidelines

Open Campus in tandem with our current **Dismissal Procedure** seeks to balance the School's need for a safe and orderly dismissal of students with our School Community's need for social interaction. **THESE GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED FOR ALL END OF DAY DISMISSALS. Therefore, they apply to ALL GRADE SCHOOL children as well as ALL EARLY CHILDHOOD AFTERCARE children.**

The success of this agreement rests upon the understanding that:

- Parents and children will only be allowed in the following areas: The Sheep Pen*, Upper Play Field (**this is available for soccer play grades 5-8 only**) and the School Store (CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS AT ALL TIMES IN THE SCHOOL STORE).
- Children must be under adult supervision AT ALL TIMES. There must be a designated parent to supervise any organized games taking place on the upper sports field.
- Open Campus will end at 4:00 p.m. Everyone must depart at this time.

Dismissal procedures that have been established will not change:

- Early Childhood Afternoon Garden parents park and pick up from the classroom
- Grades 1-4 parents park and pick up at the classroom
- Grades 5-8 parents may pick up either:
 - At curbside
 - At the dismissal benches AFTER THEY HAVE PARKED THEIR CARS. (Parents picking up their 5-8 graders from the benches must "check them out" from the second faculty designated "Parking Attendant.")

Those parents who pick up at the classroom or curb, and who intend to leave, should load up in their cars and head out. Those who would like to remain will immediately go to the above mentioned Open Campus areas.

***SCHOOL RULES FOR THE SHEEP PEN:**

- *The climbing structure in the lower area of the Sheep Pen is for children 6 years and older. Children should not sit on the railing of the second level of the climbing structure, nor should they jump off the second level.*
- *In wet weather, all wooden climbing structures are off limits due to slippery conditions.*
- *No climbing up into the ceiling of the stone house or climbing on the roof.*
- *Climb trees at home - not while on campus.*
- *Sticks are for building, not for sword play.*

The following considerations also apply:

- **Grade School Aftercare will be based in the Fourth Grade Classroom.** Designated play areas for Aftercare will be The Castle and (after 4 p.m.) the Early Childhood play yard.
- Benches are available in the Sheep Pen and adjacent to the Upper Play Field so that parents will congregate where their children are allowed to play.

- The School Store may be open on these days, should the staffing be available. It is understood that no unattended children may be in the School Store at any time. **The lawn in front of the Golden House will not be allowed as a designated play area.**
- Anyone needing to use the bathroom is asked to use the bathroom on the first floor of the Golden House. The Grade School Building and the Fourth Grade Classroom will be off limits (the Fourth Grade Classroom houses our Aftercare program). **Parents need to accompany their children to the bathroom in the Golden House. Someone will be available to open the door until 4:00.**
- Fundraisers are to be held in an area easily accessible to the Sheep Pen and not near the parking lot.
- It is already understood that on days when an after school sports program is held, parents of students participating in the program may remain with their other children - now within Open Campus boundaries - until practice is finished.