New Bell Schedule-Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is the schedule changing? Why no early out day?

The schedule changed due to feedback from parents and teachers and the need for a consistent schedule during the week. The leadership team, teaching staff, and School Site Council were consulted on the change and all gave positive feedback.



If I have to drop off a kindergartener by 8:00, when is the earliest I can drop off my older child(ren) in 1st-6th grade?

Kindergarten ONLY drop-off & supervision begins at 7:45 AM. Grades 1-6 drop-off & supervision begins at 7:55 AM. We do not have supervision on the big playground prior to 7:55 AM.

If I only have a 1st-3rd child(ren), when is the best time to drop-off?

The best time for a primary only drop-off would be closer to their 8:30 AM start time. Dropping off about 8:20 AM would help you avoid the K & 4-6 traffic but still give your child(ren) time to walk to line-up.

Why is there a staggered start time for 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade?

Per Ed. Code, students in 4th-6th grade need 100 more minutes of instruction each week. In order to keep the dismissal time the same for 1st-6th grade, students in 4th-6th grade need to begin 15 minutes earlier and have a 5 minute shorter lunch. The lunch length is the same as in previous years.

Will there be supervision for kindergarten students from dismissal at 1:45 PM until dismissal of 1st-6th grade?

No, there is no supervision for kindergarten students from 1:45 PM to 2:15 PM. Kindergarten students must be picked up at 1:45 PM. Parents will need to return at 2:15 PM to pick up their 1st-6th grade children.

Will child care hours be extended to accommodate the new earlier release time?

The fee based child care program, TLC, will be available for students before school and after school at the new start and dismissal times. We also anticipate that Kids' Factory will return next year. Generally, they provide outside childcare for 2 hours after dismissal.