Dear MES Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! It was so great to see students and families during our Sneak-A-Peek and Scoops Night last week. We are looking forward to seeing you again at our Back-To-School Night on August 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The MES PTO has also been working hard preparing for many events which will take place throughout the school year. A calendar of the MES Events will be sent home the first week of school. Below you will find some important information regarding school arrival and dismissal procedures.

Doors will open at 8:40 a.m. Once doors open, students may enter the building. Students getting a school breakfast can report directly to the cafeteria, otherwise students will report directly to their classrooms. Staff will be located throughout the building and in front of the main entrance to welcome students.

If your child(ren) is a car rider, please keep them in the car until 8:40 a.m. At that time, we have staff come out to supervise student arrival. Thank you for not dropping them early. Car rider dismissal procedures begin at 3:30 p.m. At that time students who are car riders will be called to a designated area. Staff will monitor students until their ride has come. All car riders will be given a Car Rider Sign to place on the dashboard once signed up.

For student safety, we ask that parents not have their children walk in between cars in the Car Rider Lane or bus lane. Parents that need to come into the office are asked to park their car in the lot and escort their child to the school entrance using the crosswalks. Our parking lot is very busy during arrival and dismissal. We have implemented this protocol to help keep students safe around the moving vehicles.

Upon arrival, walkers will report to the sidewalk/grass area outside the main entrance. It is important for students not to arrive too early as staff are not on duty prior to 8:40 a.m. Walkers will be dismissed by 3:35 p.m. Students walking to and from school are expected to cross the road where the Crossing Guards are stationed. Any walkers that are interested in riding a bike a parent consent form needs to be completed. Forms are available in the office.

Students riding the bus are expected to remain in their assigned seats and follow the bus safety rules at all times. Staff members will be at the bus loop to monitor students exiting/entering the buses.

All arrival and dismissal procedures/behavior expectations will be reviewed with students within the first few days of school.

We are looking forward to sharing more information in the coming weeks.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Stacy Kain, Principal

The mission of the Hempfield School District is to provide safe environments, experiences, and opportunities that inspire all students to become lifelong learners and contributing citizens in all aspects of their lives.