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## THANK YOU!!

The move into the new building has been exciting and memorable, to say the least. We are so grateful to the Board Members, the community and most of all the amazing volunteers. Gloria Wilhelm put out the call for a few volunteers to help and the community came out en masse!! The hard work and dedication of this wonderful group was astounding.

The packing and lifting started at 8:00 am (in the rain) and all boxes were in their new homes by 11:00 am.

The teachers and staff then worked tirelessly the week of Oct. 16th to make each room feel

like home. It is hard to believe it has been two weeks, since the students took their first steps in the new space.



We are looking forward to sharing the beautiful new building with the community on Sunday, from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Come out and join us for the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony that will begin at 2:00, then enjoy another walkthrough of this



## Car Rider Line Kudos!

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to each and every family member that has worked with the staff over the last two weeks to make the car rider line a safe and efficient process. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we have made small adjustments to the process.

Here are some things to keep in mind as we continue to fine-tune it.

1. In the morning, all of the students are coming into the building, so we can use more unload more cars at one time. Please wait for the long whistle sound before opening car doors. The two short whistle sounds at the end of a round, signal to the front that it is safe for cars to move.
2. In the afternoon, there are 12 cones {labeled A-L}. We are using a silent car rider system that shows on the TV screen for the students and teachers. Students are directed to a cone that the driver has been assigned to. The people picking up the students should pull up to the assigned cone, leaving space between the cars and aligning the cars to the cones. There is a staff member at the beginning of the lines (usually Mrs. Moore or Mrs. Zimmerman-reminding cars which cone to pull up to. This is helpful for the drivers and for the staff, please give your attention to the staff member to ensure that you are pulling to the correct cone area)
3. If your student does not arrive at the cone during your time, you will be directed to the overflow at the end of the line. Your student will be brought to your car in the overflow area.
4. To help keep the line flowing, please have students unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle when the whistle blows.

## Parent-Teacher Organization

Our next meeting for interested parents/staff that would like to participate in the building our the FACS Parent-Teacher Organization will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Media Center at the new building. At this meeting, we will discuss the PTO Board positions and vote on a slate of officers. We will begin to plan events for the Spring Semester.

## Quarterly Assessments

Students in 3rd through 9th grade will take a quarterly assessment at the end of each quarter. There is nothing in particular to study of the assessment, it is a review of skills taught and an exposure to concepts to come. Data from the assessments is used by classroom teachers to guide instruction and reteaching. These quarterly assessments, also called NC Check-ins, give the students practice with questions similar to the ones they will see on the End-of-Grade or End-of-Course Assessments.

## SPIRIT WEEK- Nov. 5- Nov. 10 (yes, Sun- Thurs)

*To share in the excitement of our Ribbon Cutting and School Dedication, we are holding a school wide Spirit Week next week. Please join us in the fun each day!*

Sunday, 11/5

Red, White, and Blue/ School Spirit Gear!  
Show your school pride

Monday, 11/6

NO Sleeping In, but wear your PAJAMAS

Tuesday, 11/7

FANatic Day. Support your favorite team. And yes, all the Swifites can wear Kelce's number!!

Wednesday, 11/8

Crazy Sock/ Tacky Day. (and we heard Mr. Mitchell wears crazy socks every day)

Thursday, 11/9

Elementary: WHEN I GROW UP...dress as your career

Middle/ High: THROW BACK THURSDAY....which decade will you be? from ancient times to 90s

Friday, 11/10

Staff and students can celebrate Veterans at home!

## Important Dates in November

November

11/5 Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony 2:00-4:00 pm

11/6 Make-Up Picture Day

11/10 No School Veteran's Day- Thank a Veteran!!!

11/22-11/24 Fall Break- Happy Thanksgiving

11/25 Town of Faith Frosty Fest

Winter Sports begin this month- Check school website for game schedules



There have been many additions to the school since we opened the doors. See if you can spot the differences when you come for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Sunday! We so appreciate the community members and volunteers that help keep our school looking great and running smoothly.