

# The Zwink Link

*High Expectations...High Support!*

## First Week of School Parent News

### Thank You, Dazzling Zebra Community!

Our dazzling year is already off to a great start! Thank you, Zwink Families, for all you do to support your child's success. From purchasing needed school supplies to coming to Meet the Teacher, we are so proud of and thankful for our fabulous Zwink community!

### Morning Arrival Procedures

We know our zebras are ready to walk to class independently under the careful supervision of our Zwink faculty and staff. If you still wish to walk your children to their classroom door, you may. However, you must **first sign in daily** at the front office, show your driver's license, and obtain and wear visibly an official visitor's pass. Once you've obtained and put on the visitor's pass, please quickly walk your child to class, give him/her a quick hug at the classroom door, and promptly leave the building. *Please do not enter the classroom as this will help your child learn to unpack his/her materials independently, as well as allow your child's teacher to focus on caring for the children in the classroom.* Thank you for following these procedures to keep all our children safe at Zwink—they are precious to us!

### Visiting During Lunch

Parents are always welcome to eat lunch with their child in the cafeteria at Zwink. As always, please first sign in at the front office and obtain a visitor's pass. Only those people listed on the child's registration card or accompanying a person on the child's registration card will be permitted to eat lunch in our cafeteria. All visitors must sign in and wear an official visitor's pass while in the building. *Please make sure that all children in the class have a place to sit at the cafeteria table before being seated.* If there is not enough room, please sit at the bistro tables in the zebra café or at the picnic tables outside in the courtyard. At the conclusion of lunch, please promptly exit the building. Visitors are not permitted to stay for recess. Thanks for your support—we love seeing all of zebra parents at Zwink!

### Spirit Shirts

Friday is Spirit Day at Zwink! Please purchase our **official Dazzling Character from the Inside Out spirit shirt for your child for \$10**, so they can wear it to school each Friday. Your child may purchase a shirt at the school store or you may return the form sent home today with payment to your child's teacher and we will deliver the shirt to their classroom. Please make check payable to Zwink Elementary.

### Tardies

We love your zebras and need them to be at Zwink on time every day! Please drop your child off at 7:55 a.m. each morning. Students are released directly to their classrooms and are able to begin valuable learning and preparation for the day. Students must be seated in their classrooms ready to learn by 8:15 a.m. Students who are not in their classrooms at 8:20 a.m. are tardy. Please consider having your child ride the bus if you are not able to get them to school before this time. Please do not drop children off at school prior to 7:50 a.m. as you are choosing to leave them unattended without adult supervision. Thank you for helping us start the day well as we keep our zebras safe!

### Change of Transportation

If you have a change to your child's afternoon transportation, **please contact the front office at 832-375-7800 no later than 2:00pm.** We must ensure we have plenty of time to let teachers know the change in transportation, so we can make sure students arrive home safely.

### Early Dismissals by 2:30 p.m., please...

If you need to take your child to an appointment that requires an early dismissal, please let the front office know as soon as possible, and **please plan to pick up your child in the front office no later than 2:30p.m.** This will allow you to enter the front parking lot with less traffic complications. Only individuals listed on the child's registration card with a proof of identification can pick up a student for an early dismissal. As always, if you need to pick up your child early for any reason at any time during the school day, *please park in the front parking lot.* Please do not park in the front fire line/car rider lane for any reason. Thanks for helping us keep our zebras safe!

### Car Rider Dismissal Procedures

In order to ensure that an emergency vehicle is able to easily access the school at any time, our car rider dismissal procedures will continue to prioritize student safety. The carpool line up will not open until 2:30 PM; at that time, cars may line up in a **single line** in the *right lane only* (closest to the school.) *There will be no early line up prior to 3:00 PM in the left lane.* Please display your carpool tag visibly at the top of your front windshield and keep it displayed where it is clearly visible to our staff. Thank you for your help!

### Don't forget to join our amazing PTO!

Memberships start at only **\$2.** We want every parent to be a member! Join today by returning the hot pink form in your child's folder.

## **Our Zebras are Dazzling! Let's focus on what is going RIGHT!**

Always remember that you are your child's first and most important teacher! At Zwink, we believe in looking for the "greatness" in every child and verbally recognizing and celebrating what we see children doing well. *Please join us in celebrating your child's greatness each day.* After school, in addition to asking your children what they did at school that day, ask them to tell you one thing they did well, one thing they're thankful for, or one person they saw showing greatness and why. By helping our zebras focus and reflect on the positive in themselves and in others, studies show they are more likely to be healthy, productive, and successful adults. Thank you for speaking a vision of greatness in your Zebra!