



Connect-Ed Message 08/21/2022



Good evening, Wildcat Families, this is Principal McNeill with your weekly updates. I hope that everyone had an awesome weekend. Our car rider line has increased this year and we appreciate families being patient in the afternoon. It does help if parents have the last four digits of their student ID posted in the windshield, continue to use two lanes to merge, and pull all the way up to get the most cars in the loading zone. Please do not park and ask your students to cross through the car rider line, as this poses a serious safety issue. Also, due to our afternoon traffic, we cannot accommodate early dismissals after 2:50 PM. We will continue to analyze our afternoon car rider line and make adjustments as necessary.

If your student will have an early dismissal, please contact the front office when you are on your way, so that we can have your student ready upon your arrival.

Also, cell phones and similar devices are not allowed during the school day. Students should turn them off once they arrive to school and put them in their bookbags and may access them again at dismissal. Phones will be confiscated if used or visible during the school day. Parents may pick up these devices. Please have a conversation with your student about the school device policies.

Parents, as a reminder Eastern's dress code states that shorts, skirts, dresses and skorts should not be higher than mid-thigh. If your student is wearing shorts or jeans with holes, we ask that the holes are no higher than mid-thigh or students should have tights or leggings underneath. Shirts should come down to your student's waist, their mid-section should not be visible. Lastly, all shoes will need to be attached to the student's foot.

Students received their onecard last week. Please remind your student to grab their onecard prior to leaving the house each morning.

The application window for free school meals is now open. The federal program that provided free meals for students for the past two years is over. Families will now have to apply for free school meals. It is important to have this form filled out by the sixth week of school to ensure you do not have to pay full price for meals. Filling out an application is easy and can be found on our website or at [www dot lunch application dot com](http://www.dotlunchapplication.com).

Year books are now on sale online for \$26 until October 7th. After October 7th the prices will go up. You can find the link on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Enjoy the rest of your evening.