Dear Stewart Mustang Families,

The first day of school is just around the corner. The teachers and staff at Stewart are busy getting ready to welcome students back to school. Teachers will be sending out emails at the end of the week to introduce themselves to you and welcome your child back to school. You will receive a text as a reminder to check your email when it has been sent.

We want to invite all of you to bring your child to our "Meet the Teacher" event on Monday, August 12th. Pre-K through second grade is from 5:00PM – 6:00PM. Third through sixth grade is from 6:00PM-7:00PM.

Be sure to visit the commons area when you come. Our specials teachers will be there to answer questions about art, music and PE. The cafeteria manager will be there to help you set up a lunch account and the PTO will be there selling Mustang shirts. They will be taking orders for the new shirts that students will be wearing this school year. It's a great idea to purchase a Stewart shirt for you child. The teachers encourage them to wear them when they leave campus for field trips.

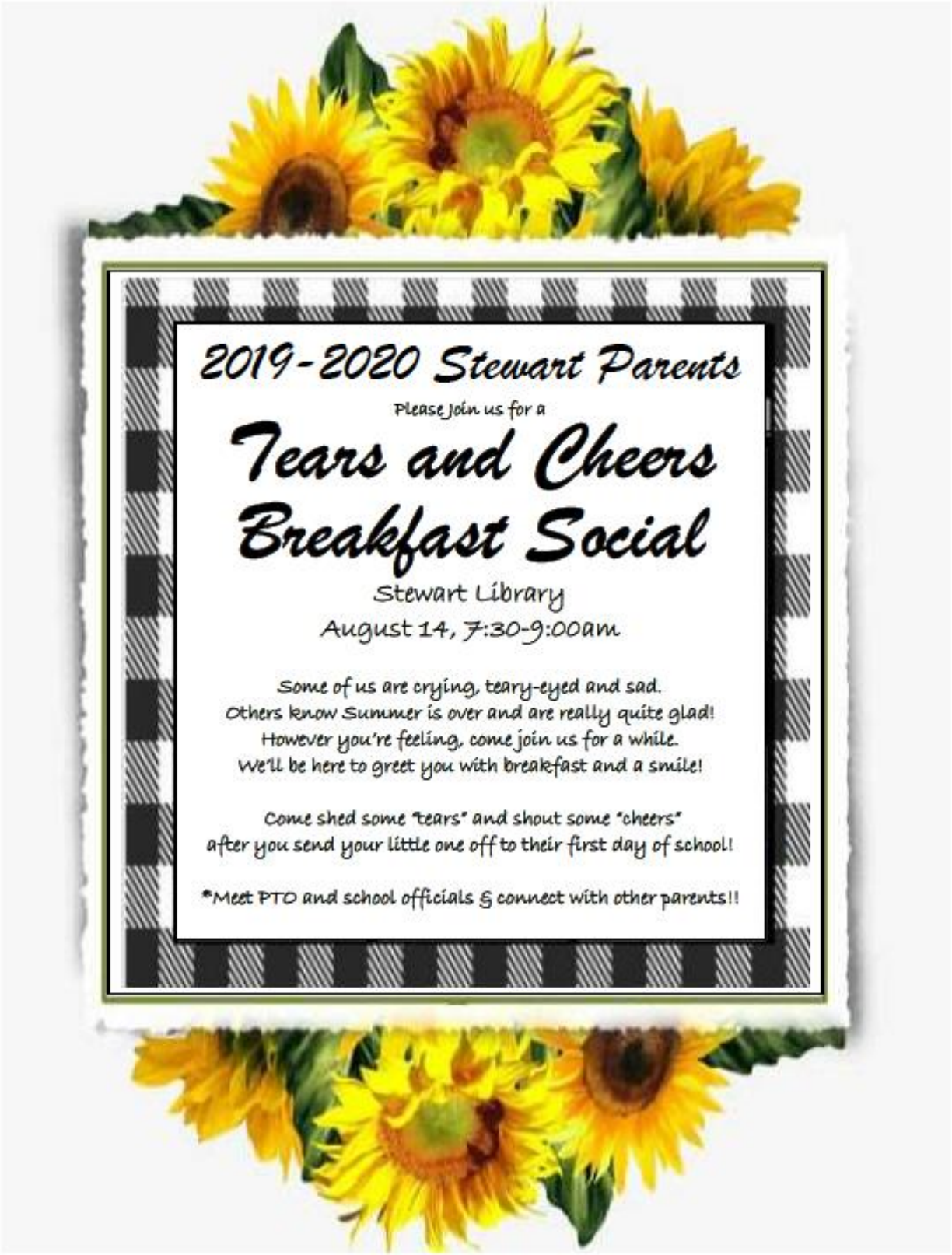
Please also become familiar with the information regarding the tardy policy and the car line for drop-off and pick-up. I've included the information again for you. I hope you find it helpful. You will be able to walk your child to the classroom the first two days of school. The building will be open at 7:20AM on the first day of school. Please plan accordingly because traffic will be heavy and parking will be difficult.

Beginning August 19th, the entrance to the front parking lot will be blocked from 7:45 AM to 8:00 AM. All parents of car riders will remain in the carline to drop off students at the front of the school. This will help us keep our students safe as they exit cars and enter the building. Parents who need to come into the building for meetings or to see the nurse before 8:00 AM will need to park in the faculty parking lot or arrive before 7:45 AM. Additionally, please refrain from dropping off your child on the street or by the curb in the faculty parking lot. These areas not monitored and, therefore, not safe for our students.

Please that we will be asking parents to refrain from parking along the street in front of the school to pick up students. For the safety of our students, we will continue to monitor this. Only students who are live in Cheswood Forest, Biltmore, Forest Heights, Greatwood, Kinnerly Peak, Muirfield Pointe or Pinnacle Ridge will be dismissed as a biker or walker. Students not living in these sections will need to picked up through the car line. We have worked hard to make this safe and efficient. Please help us keep our Mustangs safe!

Once again, we are very excited for school to start. We're anxious to welcome back students and meet our new students.

Dr. Julie English


2019-2020 Stewart Parents
Please join us for a
Tears and Cheers
Breakfast Social
Stewart Library
August 14, 7:30-9:00am
Some of us are crying, teary-eyed and sad.
Others know Summer is over and are really quite glad!
However you're feeling, come join us for a while.
We'll be here to greet you with breakfast and a smile!
Come shed some "tears" and shout some "cheers"
after you send your little one off to their first day of school!
*Meet PTO and school officials & connect with other parents!!

Meet the Teacher

You will receive an email with a special presentation from your child's teacher during the afternoon of Friday, August 9th. You will be able to meet your teacher on August 12th.

Please see the following times for specific grade levels:

Pre-Kindergarten – 2nd grade 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
3rd grade – 6th grade 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Upon arrival, please stop by the commons area for directions to your child's classroom and information about food service, transportation, online registration, and PTO information. The PTO will also be there selling last year's t-shirts and taking orders for the new t-shirts.

Attention Kindergarten parents: Dr. English will be emailing a "Welcome to Kindergarten" orientation presentation.

It is our purpose to make certain your child is as comfortable as possible in starting a new school year. Knowing the teacher and location of his/her classroom before school helps everyone to begin the year with confidence and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you there.

"Parent Information Night"

We want to invite all our parents to an information night on September 10th. We will take this opportunity to talk to you about the school year. You will hear about what your child will be learning, classroom activities, homework and expectations. This will also give you an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. We want to make sure we start this year off just right. At this event, each parent will rotate through their child's schedule and can visit with the classroom teacher. **Please make plans to attend on Tuesday, September 10th.**
Kinder -2nd is 5:30 – 6:30 PM
3rd – 6th is 6:30 – 7:30 PM

School Hours & Attendance

Hours are 8:00 AM - 3:10 PM. It is important for children to arrive at school early enough to walk to class, put their things away and begin to prepare for a day of learning. Our morning announcements will begin at 7:55 AM and instruction will begin at 8:00 AM. *Children are tardy at 8:00 AM if they are not in their classrooms.* Dismissal will begin at 3:10 PM.

In the event a student is absent, parents must contact the school office as soon as possible. Following an absence, parents must send a note explaining the reason for the absence. State law requires that students must be in attendance for a minimum of 90 percent of the instructional days per year to be promoted. A student who attends fewer than 90 percent of the instructional days per year will be referred to the campus attendance committee for review. The law goes on to state that it is the parent's duty to monitor the student's attendance and require the student to attend school.

It is important for students to remain in school until the close of each school day at 3:10 unless illness has caused a child to leave earlier. Regular school attendance is important. Please make vacation arrangements during holidays and weekends to avoid students missing important classroom instruction.

Volunteering in Classrooms at Stewart

All parents who want to come volunteer at school with class parties, reading, field day, field trips, working with students, being a watch dog and any other activities where you will be working with students must complete a Volunteer in CISD form. It's quick and very easy and will give you access to the fun events at our school. **Please do this now.** Click on the link to complete the form.
http://www.conroeisd.net/parents/get-involved/

Communication

Every Tuesday, our teachers will continue to send home graded work and other information in a special "Tuesday Folder." This is one way our teachers will communicate with you. We will also publish a newsletter at the beginning of each month to communicate important information about upcoming events and let you know what your children are learning and experiencing each week at school. Please make sure we have a current email address for your family. You may contact Alicia Benhart to update your email address when necessary. The newsletter will be sent to you by email and will also be accessible on our website.

Stewart Clinic

Elaine Clayton is our school nurse. In order to assist the classroom teacher and school nurse, each child must have current health information. The form to submit for this requirement is accessible online and must be completed the first week of school. Students are never allowed to bring medication to school. An adult must bring any medications to the school clinic.

Active Start

Students may begin entering the building at 7:30 AM and will go directly to their classroom.
Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will participate in active start activities between 7:30 and 8:00. Each grade level will participate on different days.

Kindergarten – Friday
First Grade – Thursday
Second Grade – Wednesday
Third Grade – Tuesday
Fourth Grade – Monday
Our teachers in kindergarten through fourth grade will use this opportunity to plan valuable lessons for students.

Arrival and Dismissal

We are making a change to our tardy policy.

Students must be in their classroom at 8:00 AM. Any student walking into the classroom after the bell rings at 8:00 AM will be counted as tardy. This is different from our previous tardy policy. It will be important to make sure students arrive on campus in plenty of time to get to their classrooms before the 8:00 AM bell rings. Students eating breakfast on campus will need additional time to finish eating and enter the classroom before the tardy bell. Please remember that students are allowed to enter the building at 7:30 AM each morning.

Dismissal will begin at 3:10 PM. For the safety of the children, please send any dismissal transportation changes to your child's teacher in writing.
Emailed requests will also be accepted. Please email Angie Creech @ acreech@conroeisd.net by 1:30 PM.
Telephoned messages cannot be accepted.
Students must be signed out by 2:30 for early dismissal.

All students will be issued dismissal tags, which designate the specific way they will exit the building in the afternoon. Teachers will escort children to all exit areas to facilitate leaving the campus at the end of the day. Please make sure these tags remain on your child's backpack. They will not be allowed to depart the building without one.

Bus Transportation

Conroe ISD provides bus service for students who live more than one mile from the school. If you would like more information on the bus system, please visit http://transportation.conroeisd.net/ for bus registration and routes. Remember that it is difficult to predict pick-up and drop-off times, especially at the beginning of the school year. Until each driver has an opportunity to gauge how many students on their route will ride the bus, times may vary.

We appreciate your support and patience.

August 14th!

Parents are welcome to walk their child into the building and to class the first two days of school. We would like to encourage all students to walk to class on their own by Friday, August 16th.

Due to safety concerns, the entrance to the front parking lot will be closed between 7:45 AM and 8:00 AM. All parents dropping off students will need to remain in the carline to drop off students at the front of the school. This will help us keep our students safe as they exit cars and enter the building. Parents who need to come into the building for meetings or to see the nurse before 8:00 AM will need to park in the faculty parking lot. Additionally, please refrain from dropping off your child by the curb in the faculty parking lot. This area is not monitored and, therefore, not safe for our students. This will begin

Some students are eligible to either ride a bike or walk home each day after school. This must be communicated to your child's teacher before the first day of school. Please make sure you indicate this to your child's teacher on Meet the Teacher night. We have a form that all parents of bikers/walkers are required to complete in order for your child to walk or ride a bike home from school. Please check with registrar to see if you are eligible.

Severe weather dismissal

Students who ride a bike or walk to school will be dismissed to go home if there is light rain falling. Please be sure your child has rain gear in his/her backpack to use on these days.

In the event of heavy rain or severe weather threats, all bikers and walkers will become a car rider. An email and text message will be sent out to parents with notification of a SEVERE WEATHER DAY DISMISSAL. Parents will need to come through the car line with a car tag to pick up their student. This procedure does not affect car riders or bus riders.

Stewart Cafeteria

Payment for school lunches is now available online at schoolpaymentsolutions.com or handled through our cafeteria manager. For information about prepaying online, visit our district's website under child nutrition. Payments can also be made directly to the cafeteria with a check written out to "Child Nutrition Department."

Students who bring their lunches may also purchase milk, juice, ice cream and cookies in the cafeteria.

Lunch Times

» 5th & 6th: 11:00-11:20 AM
» 4th: 12:45-1:15 PM
» 3rd & 2ND: 12:05-12:35 PM
» 1st & Kindergarten: 11:30 AM -12:00 PM

Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch beginning August 26h. By allowing this extra time, your child will become familiar with the daily routines and procedures. If your child has a birthday between Aug 14th-23rd, please contact your teacher to make special arrangements.

Many parents like to bring in special treats for the class to celebrate their child's birthday. Lunch treats will be served at the end of the school lunch period. Your homeroom teacher will be able to provide you with more details about this and will be more than happy to make sure your child celebrates their special day. Please note that all treats must be store bought. We cannot serve homemade items for birthday treats.

Parent Access

CISD provides a system for parents to have online access to all their child's class assignments, assignment grades, test grades, as well as attendance, discipline, schedules, progress reports, report cards and STAAR results. This system allows the parent to send alerts based on a grade level standard that the parent establishes. For example: if you set the alert to notify you of a grade less than 70%, the system will send you an email with the assignment listed. This is a great way to help your child stay on top of their learning.

If you don't already have one, please take time to create an account to access this important information. This can be found under the Parent tab on the CISD website. You must have your child's student ID #.

Back to school student information update:

CISD sent out an email with information about the online student data validation system for the upcoming school year, powered by Info Snap. The email contained a link and a secure "snap code" that links directly to your student's information. The system is a secure process, which allows the district to verify all the student demographic, emergency and medical information for your child prior to the start of the new school year. Please take time to update needed information, such as your student's Health Information Form. If you do not have an email registered with the District, you will receive a letter.

You will create an account, that you will use each year for this process, and submit a form for each student in your family. To make the process easier for families with multiple students, you will have the option to copy all generic family information to all other students in your family.

We would appreciate for all families to take action and complete the online forms as soon as possible. Your student's registration will not be complete until the forms have been submitted. If you do not have access to the Internet, there will be computers available at the school to complete the forms. We are very excited to bring this new process to the District. We believe that you will find it is a much easier way to update your student's information each year.

Knowing what appropriate dress is for the upcoming school year can often cause confusion as parents start shopping for the “back-to-school” wardrobe. The following guidelines are consistent with the CISD K-12 philosophy. We hope they are helpful as you begin shopping for this fall.

- Shorts are appropriate for any time of the school year provided they are finger-tip length when the arm is positioned at the child’s side. Shorts that are not allowed are: bicycle shorts, boxer shorts and shorts that fit too tightly. All shorts must be hemmed. Cut-offs are not allowed.

- No student may wear articles of clothing which display obscenities, advertise alcoholic beverages, narcotics or other prohibited substances. Clothing that depicts violence, weapons, and/or death, are prohibited. The same applies to badges, patches, decals or emblems of any kind or in any place that may be offensive to others or that expounds or advocates the use of prohibited substances or actions.

- Items that detract from the educational environment or may be unsafe for physical activity are disallowed. This includes: hats, oversize pants and tops, pants with oversized pockets, see-through material, backless blouses, tank tops, or blouses with shoulder straps less than 1.5 inches, muscle shirts or shirts of that type, pants that drag the floor, and any see-through article.

- Stretch pants and leggings may be worn if accompanied by a dress or shorts of appropriate length (fingertip length).

- Blouses or shirts designed by manufacturers to be worn outside are permissible if they extend below the belt line. Shirts and blouses not designed in this fashion should be tucked in. Shirts and/or blouses that reveal the midriff *when the arms are raised above the hea*d are disallowed. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned all the way, except for the neck button. Zippered articles of this type of clothing should be zipped up in a comparable manner.

- Athletic-type tennis shoes are required for physical education classes. "Flip-flop" type rubber sandals and other bath-type rubber sandals should not be worn to school; this includes “Crocs”.

- Jeans, shorts, or long pants with rips, tears, or holes above the knee are not allowed at school without a patch covering the exposed skin.

- Our students at Stewart are natural beauties so make-up of any sort is not necessary, nor is it allowed. Students will be asked to wash off any makeup worn to school.

In short, our dress code emphasizes comfort and modesty, acknowledging respect for the educational environment. It is worth mentioning again, that oversized clothing or clothing that exposes the midriff in any way is disallowed.

Any student who is not compliant with the dress code will be provided a replacement article of clothing for the day by our school nurse.

CISD Handbook

CISD Handbook is available online. Hard copies will not be sent home. Information will be sent home with directions to access the handbook and electronically acknowledge you have read it.

**Please note that if you do not wish your child’s name/picture to be included in the yearbook, student directory, newspaper articles, newsletter, website…you will need to request this in writing within the first 10 days of school. In doing so, your child’s information will be excluded from all forms of communication and correspondence regarding your child’s education.*

You can find Parent Access on the CISD website under the Parents tab.

The Mustang PRIDE is a proactive positive behavior management program at Stewart Elementary which involves targeting five behaviors that we strive to see demonstrated throughout our school and community. These behaviors include Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence with specific letters representing the acronym for PRIDE. Mustang PRIDE is geared to be a reflection of our school environment. Each day, we address different components of these characteristics, including Stellar Student weekly behaviors, which provide examples of real life situations for showing our Mustang PRIDE. Likewise, each month, two students will be celebrated by being awarded Stellar Student or Mighty Mustang Awards. These award winners are coveted as being leaders in their classrooms, showing their Mustang PRIDE and achieving personal successes.

Mustang PRIDE:

Purpose

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Excellence

2019-2020 Important Dates -

Please note that these dates are subject to change due to our active school calendar.

1st Semester Events

August	2	PTO Meeting
	12	Meet the Teacher
	14	First Day of School
	28	Room Parent Meeting
	29	Fall Pictures
September	2	Holiday
	6	PTO Meeting
	10	Parent Information Night
	18	Read for a Better Life
October	4	PTO Meeting
	9	Field Day
	11	Early Dismissal
	14	Holiday
	17	GT Parent Info Night
	18	Stellar Student/Mighty Mustang
	21	Red Ribbon Week Begins
	25	Fall Festival
	25	K-3rd Grade Character Parade
November	1	PTO Meeting
	6	Fall Book Fair Week Begins
	15	Stellar Student & Mighty Mustang
	22	Thanksgiving Feast
	25	Thanksgiving Holiday Week Begins
December	2	Holiday Store Opens
	6	PTO Meeting
	13	Stellar Student/Mighty Mustang
	19	Early Release
	20	Winter Break Begins

2nd Semester Events

January	8	First Day for Students
	17	Stellar Student & Mighty Mustang
	20	Holiday
	24	PTO Meeting
	31	100th Day of School
February	2	Dudes & Dolls Dance
	17	Holiday
	20	Club and Group Pictures
	14	Valentine's Day Parties
	21	Stellar Student & Mighty Mustang
	24	Book Fair Week
March	1	Dr. Seuss' Birthday
	6	PTO Meeting
	9	Spring Break Begins
	20	Stellar Student & Mighty Mustang
	24	Spring Pictures
April	3	PTO Meeting
	7	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	8	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	9	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	10	Holiday
	15	Kinder Grad Pictures
	17	Stellar Student & Mighty Mustang
May	1	Volunteer Appreciation
	4	Teacher Appreciation Week
	8	PTO Meeting
	11	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	12	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	13	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	14	STAAR Testing (closed campus)
	15	5th & 6th Grade Dance
	20	GTO Expo
	22	Yearbook Signing
	22	School Picnic (fundraiser eligibility)
	25	Holiday
	26	Awards Day
	27	Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM
	28	6th Grade Promotion
	28	End of Year Class Parties
	28	6th Grade Clap Out
	28	Early Release 12:10 PM

Stewart Elementary AM/PM Car Rider

Quick Reference Reminders

1. All cars exiting the front parking lot of the school must turn right out of the parking lot. No cars exiting out of the parking lot will be able to turn left. This will lower the hazardous risk of traffic accidents, increase the safety of all students and families at Stewart, and speed up the entire car rider process.

2. Please refer to the map of the school for the flow of traffic during morning drop off.

3. Please refer to the map of the area to see where to access the two roads that will take you back to Fish Creek Thoroughfare once you have made the mandatory right out of the school parking lot.

4. Think about where to seat your children on the side of the car that your child will exit out of (either the yellow or purple lane). Think about what side other siblings sit on or where car seats are located and what lane they need to be in for car rider drop off.

5. At 7:45 AM, the front parking lot will be coned and blocked off so that no cars can park and bring their students into the front area. Parents may park in the back parking lot in parking spaces and walk their children to the front doors of the school. This will help eliminate the safety concern and the slowdown of traffic as cars are dropping off their students in car rider lines.

6. No child/children should get out of a car if their car is not at a car rider drop off location that is labeled "1-6."

7. Please have all students ready to go before arriving at one of the six car rider drop off locations (make sure they have their backpacks, snacks, drinks, lunch boxes ready to go upon staff members opening doors). This will help with making morning drop off more time efficient.

Stewart Elementary AM/PM Car Rider Drop Off

1. Car rider morning drop off and pick up will now have two lanes entering off of Woodforest Parkway. Cars entering into the "Yellow Lane" (Lane #1) will enter and drive up to the school where their children are taken out from the **left side** of the car **only**. Cars entering into the "Purple Lane" (Lane #2) will enter and drive up to the school where their children are taken out from the **right side** of the car **only**. *It is important for all parents to seat their children on the side of the car that their child will exit out of, either the yellow or purple lanes. Parents might need to think about what side other siblings sit on or where car seats are located and what lane they need to be in for car rider drop off.*
2. Once cars enter into either the "Yellow Lane" (Lane # 1) or the "Purple Lane" (Lane # 2), cars will travel in their lanes the full length around the outer perimeter of the parking lot to the front area of the school to car drop off locations (labeled 1-6) on both car rider lines. During this time period (7:45 AM), the front parking lot will be coned and blocked off so that no cars can park and bring their students into the front area. Parents may park in the back parking lot in parking spaces and walk their children to the front doors of the school. For pick up in the afternoon, cars will follow the same morning-time drop off procedures and drive around in either the yellow lane or purple lane.
3. Once the first round of cars arrive to the car drop off locations in the "Yellow Lane" (Lane #1), students will be taken out of the cars by staff members at the different car rider drop off locations labeled "1-6." *It is important to remember that students will only be allowed to get out of the car on the left hand side of the car and not the right hand side due to safety concerns.* Once all students in cars 1-6 are taken out, they will be escorted to a staff member who will manage them in a line until all 6 cars are released to leave and the next 6 cars arrive at the car rider drop off locations and come to a stop. Staff members will then continue to take the next round of children out of the 6 cars and then line then up also with the staff member who is holding the other students from the first round of 6 cars. Once all children in the 12 cars have been cleared in both lanes, the crosswalk supervisor/staff member will let the last 12 cars go through to exit the parking lot, then will stop the traffic, and then allow all children from the "Yellow Lane" (Lane #1) to cross the crosswalk and enter into the building. **No child/children should get out of a car if their car is not at a car rider drop off location that is labeled "1-6."** Same dismissal procedures occur when cars pull up close to the building in lanes 1-6 of the car rider line.
4. Once the first round of cars arrive to the car drop off locations in the "Purple Lane" (Lane #2), students will be taken out of the cars by student safety team members at the different car rider drop off locations labeled "1-6." *It is important to remember that students will only be allowed to get out of the car on the right hand side of the car and not the left hand side due to safety concerns.* Once all children in cars 1-6 are taken out, they can enter into the campus. Student safety team members will then continue to take the next round of children out of the 6 cars. **No child/children should get out of a car if their car is not at a car rider drop off location that is labeled "1-6."** Same dismissal procedures occur when cars pull up close to the building in lanes 1-6 of the car rider line.
5. Once the crosswalk supervisor/staff member has allowed the cars to exit the car rider drop off locations, all cars will then exit the campus and turn right onto Woodforest Parkway. Any car exiting the campus must turn right and not left. By all cars turning right onto Woodforest Parkway from out of the school parking lot, it reduces the chances for accidents and helps the overall flow of car rider traffic. There are two ways to get back to Fish Creek Thoroughfare: Take a left onto Central Pine (the street right after Kinnerly Peak neighborhood, and also by continuing to go straight until you arrive at Fish Creek Thoroughfare and Woodforest Parkway traffic light (across from CVS).

Options for getting to Fishcreek Thoroughfare