

August 17, 2025

Dear Grand Families,

Welcome back to school as we begin another Grand adventure! It's been a busy start for our new year and it's so good to see both new and familiar faces.

Please take a moment to read the following reminders:

- Our doors open at 7:20. Please do not bring your child before 7:20 as they would be unattended.
- Breakfast is served from 7:20 – 7:50 every day and is free to all students. If your child is a car rider, please try to arrive **no later than 7:40** if they wish to eat with us.
- Lunch is also provided free to all students! Students may visit quietly while seated during lunch time, but we *do* encourage them to prioritize eating before visiting.
- Our learning day is complete at 2:50. **If you should need to change the way your child goes home, please notify the school office (405-222-6524) no later than 1:30.** This will ensure the change is communicated among all who need to know.
- For car drop-off and pick-up, please review our procedures for the safety of all.
  - Please remain in your car. We do not accommodate walk-up dismissals.
  - Refer to the map on our Grand Avenue School Facebook page for driving directions. We always approach the oval from the south (NOT Grand Avenue).
  - Please show consideration by never cutting the line.
  - Pull all the way up to the FIRST numbered spot that is open. This allows for ten vehicles to unload/load at one time and keeps the line moving.
  - Students need to exit or enter vehicles on the PASSENGER SIDE only. For safety, they should never be expected to walk around vehicles in the oval.
  - Always exit the oval by making a right turn.
- Grand is aiming for EVERY student to have **excellent** attendance. Our goal is not perfection, but excellence! Students track their own attendance daily and can look forward to classroom and individual rewards and surprises. We need everyone here on time and all day so we can make the most of our time together.

We know the routines of a new school year always require some time for students, parents, and teachers to adjust and learn. Please know nothing is more important to us than the safety of your child and all our efforts and procedures are to ensure their well-being. As we progress, all our routines—drop-off/pick-up, lunch time, bus routes, dismissal—will run ever more smoothly.

Thank you to all the parents who have reached out with encouragement and wonderful words of support for our new school year! We so much appreciate the patience, understanding, and grace as we begin our 2025-26 journey.

Kathy Wenzel  
Grand Avenue School, Principal

