



St. Elmo Community,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so excited to welcome our Mighty Mustangs back on campus. The first few days of school have been wonderful and our kiddos are staying happy, healthy, and safe. I'd like to thank all of you so much for your trust and support in sending your children back to campus. We love them and their positive energy has filled the building and motivated us all.

We are already focused on knowing what we need to learn and how we're going to show it so, keep your eyes out for the first edition of the St. Elmo Community Newsletter, where we will showcase students work and highlight upcoming events and areas of focus. We are always open for input on what could be included on the Community Weekly, so please reach out to us with your creative ideas.

Thank you for rolling with the change to dismissal that we are making this year.

- All students are released at 3:10pm
- No student should be picked up from 2:30pm – 3:10pm unless it's a serious emergency
This is because they are still engaged in learning and we don't have the staff to retrieve them because we are already getting ready for the dismissal process
- **PK-2nd grade is picked up in the driveway on front of the school**
- **3rd-5th grade is picked up on the large parking lot (one line in between the parked cars)**
NOTE: If you have children in both groups (PK-2 and 3-5) go to the 3-5 big parking lot where all of your children should be waiting.
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING!**

Please remember that we open the doors at 7:30am every morning. Any families that need to drop off earlier due to work constraints can fill out the form at the following link. *Please remember that this service is only for families who absolutely need it and we don't want too many students in the gym waiting together before 7:30 due to physical distancing, etc.*

Our theme for 2021-2022 is Boldly Go (from Star Trek). Rooted in a strong foundation of the importance of our students' social and emotional well-being, we will set learning intentions for each day, examine the success criteria of what we'll be able to do when we hit our learning target, and boldly go into the future.

I am so grateful to be the lead learner in this amazing Community. Boldly Go St. Elmo!!!

Your loving principal,

Ben McCormack