

## Welcome Back!

Welcome to Denton Magnet, or if you are a returning family, welcome back. We have started another school year and things are off to a great start. We at Denton Magnet are delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education and look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our staff stand ready planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hardworking custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

## Help Us Help You!

Traffic can be challenging at Denton/Davidson in the mornings and afternoons. We have staff members on duty as early as 6:30 am and you can begin your morning drop-off at that time. You can avoid the congested traffic that develops between 7:00 and 7:20 am. Any time that you are dropping off your child have them exit your vehicle on the right passenger side next to the sidewalk. This helps us see your child. Once traffic is stopped, your child can exit their vehicle onto the sidewalk. Have your child ready to quickly exit the vehicle by having their items organized and in-their-hands. Tell your child NOT to re-enter the drop off area to stop you if they left something. This can cause injury to them with cars beginning to move.

Afternoon traffic is normally congested for the first couple of weeks. This gets better and smoother as everyone learns routines. For safety reasons, leave one lane open for emergency vehicles. You will see the cones marking the lane.

We will call your child's name when ready for loading. To help us, place your child's first and last name on a sheet of paper with their grade level. Place this sheet of paper in your wind shield and we can quickly call for your child. Instruct your child to listen for their name to be called. Once they are called, they are to walk to the front of the traffic line and down the row to their vehicle.

Traffic is moved by row when the lead vehicles are fully loaded. Parents, please stay in your lane and move only when instructed. This keeps everyone safe. We strive to move most of the traffic out of the parking lot by 2:50 pm and be out of Davidson's traffic pattern. Help us meet this goal.

Do not park or drop off in other areas on campus. The service road on top of the hill is for moving vehicles and buses only. In the mornings, turn right when exiting the school for the fastest and easiest departure. This allows you to avoid the congestion of the intersection at the light. In the afternoon, the service road is reserved as a loading area for bus riders. Once they move, the service road is again an express exit only.

## **Facilities Update**

This summer, we began installation of our latest computer lab. The Collaboration Lab will allow for increased interaction by students in their core subjects. The lab has the newest technology to help students learn in teams across a variety of subjects. Final installation is set for mid-fall.

We are continuing our school security upgrade with additional sensors and monitors throughout the building, including enhanced security at all entrances with new electronic locks and check points. Throughout the year you will continue to see the upgrades.

We will begin installation of our new roof and HVAC system this year! The roof was damaged during a storm last school year and is set for replacement this year. We will keep you posted on the start of the project. Both projects are expected to start in November.

Thank you to all who are helping us with the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that Denton Magnet remains a celebrated and successful school is inspiring. We at Denton Magnet eagerly look forward to working with your child and you. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this a school year of growth and achievement for your child.

Sincerely,

James Gill

Principal

