



Thomas Edison Elementary
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Hello parents and guardians,

As you know the CDC, the NYSDOH and the ECDOH have recently updated their guidance, allowing students to attend school at a 3 feet social distance, in turn giving us the opportunity to return to 5-day in-person weekly instruction. **We hope that you are as excited as about the return of all students to school starting on April 26!**

Please see below for several important updates.

Breakfast and Lunch: An optional free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students in school each day, even those who would not typically qualify for free and reduced lunches.

Students will be required to sit 6 feet apart for breakfast and lunch.

- **Breakfast:** With limited cafeteria capacity at 6ft distance, we will follow the process described below. Students will be given 10 minutes to eat their pre-packaged breakfast and chilled milk.
 - **Breakfast phase 1** - Bussed Students who need to eat breakfast at school will now be escorted directly into school starting at 8:45am, which is when our first bus arrives. These students will be served breakfast in the cafeteria/ wellness room. (maximum 75 students)
 - **Breakfast phase 2** - Starting at 9:00am, any remaining busses needing breakfast will be directed to the cafeteria, others on the busses will go directly to class. At 9:05am walkers needing breakfast will be welcomed into the building and escorted to the cafeteria. (maximum 75 students)
 - **Breakfast phase 3** - Starting at 9:15am, any remaining walkers needing breakfast will be directed to the cafeteria or wellness room.

Upon finishing their breakfast, students will go directly to the classroom.

- **Lunch:** Our process to maintain at 6 ft distance during eating:
 - The size of a class determines the number of students which can eat a safely-distanced lunch.
 - At Edison, in most instances, classes will be divided into cohorts for lunch, with one cohort going to the cafeteria escorted by their teacher, and one cohort remaining in the classroom.

Arrival: We need all families to be compliant, patient and most importantly, safe! There are important changes to both arrival and dismissal.

1. Cohort A

- Walkers will continue to use Door #9 Playground Door
- Cohort A drop-off will commence at **9:05am-9:30am** (not 9:00am)
- Puritan Road serves as a drop-off lane with moving traffic.
There is no parking or stopping in the drop-off lane.
- Parents are welcome to park on less busy side-streets and walk children across Puritan.

2. Cohort B

- Walkers in Cohort B will use Door #1 Flagpole Door
- Cohort B drop-off will commence at 9:05am (not 9:00am) only after the Buses clear the Grayton Entrance.
- Cones will direct cars where to line up behind busses
- Staff will be present to assist arriving students.
- From **9:05-9:30** the school side of Grayton Road serves as a drop-lane with moving traffic. Stopping or parking are not allowed the drop off-lane.
- Parents are welcome to park on the house-side of Grayton and walk their children across the street. There is not a crossing guard in front of Door #1.

Our walker-drop off runs from **9:05-9:30**. Arrival time is pushed back to accommodate busses and breakfast.

3. Reminders:

- Only park in designated parking spots.
- Do not allow your child to cross in front of oncoming traffic.
- Wear masks at all times when on school grounds.
- Please be cognizant of signage, and make sure you are not blocking the flow of traffic.

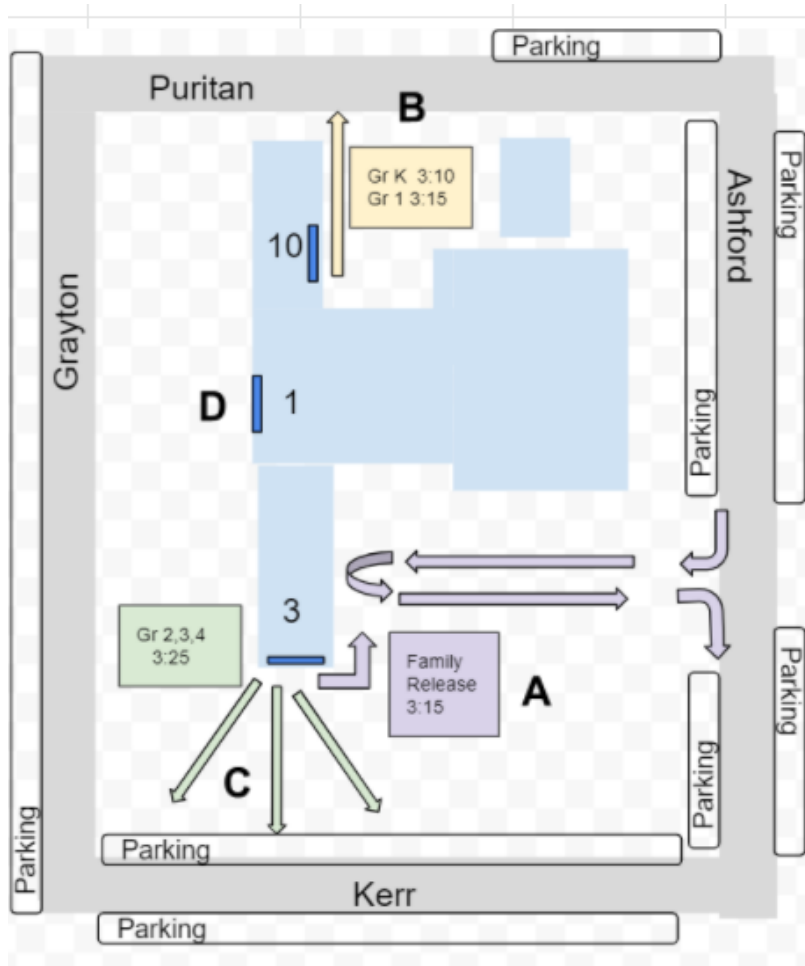
4. Health department recommendations continue including:

- Temperature scanning all students each day.
- Completing the daily attestation form for each child.
- Continuing to require students to wear masks on school grounds.
- Complying with quarantine orders, when necessary. The guidelines for quarantining have not changed; therefore, when doing contact tracing, we will still be required to place those who were within 6 feet of the individual who tested positive for greater than 10 minutes into a mandatory quarantine.

Dismissal: We have completely reworked dismissal into zones for safely-distance release. Specific Directions will be sent to members of the ZONE A: Family Group for parking lot pickup.

	Dismissal			
Zone A Door #3	Family "Moving Pickup" in the Parking Lot near door #3 (2nd Grade Wing)			
3:15PM	A parking lot staff member notes when a family group's car arrives on the pick-up spreadsheet			
	Classroom teachers monitor the spreadsheet and release the students when their family group box spreadsheet box turns green			
	Older Siblings pick up K,1 siblings from classrooms on way to Door #3			
	Each Family Group is numbered and will be released by number			
	Each Car has a numbered tag - and should arrive as orderly as possible			
Zone B Door #10	Grade K and Grade 1 Hand-to-Hand Dismissal			
3:10PM	Grade K Students			
	Familiar walk to Door #10 by Teachers			
	Hand to Hand dismissal			
	Parents should park and walk to door			
3:15pm	Grade 1 Students			
	Familiar walk to Door #10 by Teachers			
	Hand to Hand dismissal			
	Parents should park and walk to door			
Zone C Door #3	Grade 2, 3, 4 Students "independent walker" Dismissal at Door #3			
3:25pm	Teacher Aides walk students to door #3 for release			
	Students released as "independent walkers" finding their way to parked cars			
	Parents do not need to walk to the door to collect the children			
	School Staff will be assigned at points around the perimeter to assist in pick-up			
Zone D Door #1	Requested "after busses leave" pickup at Door #1			
3:45pm	A "moving pickup" may be requested for after busses have left the Grayton Rd side of the bldg			
	Prior Arrangements need to be made for these students by calling the office			
	This pickup is only available from 3:45pm - 4:00pm			

Dismissal Map:



If you have questions on any of the above information please feel free to give the Edison Office a call at 874-8416. Mr. King or Mrs. Cramer are ready to answer your questions! An email to DKing@ktufsd.org is another helpful communication tool.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to see to bring the entire Edison community together on April 26th!

Sincerely,

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Principal

Mrs. Cramer
School Support Specialist