

Wellington Elementary School Playground Use Policy

- **Students on the Playground Before School Begins:** When Wellington Elementary School students arrive to school, they enter the school building by 8:35AM but never before 8:25AM. This process is the most effective way we can welcome children to school, keep them safe, and maintain a positive start to each school day.

We understand, though, that some parents/guardians prefer for their sons/daughters to play outside before school. Individual parents/guardians who choose to supervise their own children or children they are authorized to supervise through pre-arranged communications, before school, may do so. *To keep all children safe, we ask that all adults to please respect this policy. If you notice an unattended child joining the play being supervised by you, please check-in with them to determine that they are not being supervised and then direct that child into the school if needed, as they may be confused about their arrival plan.*

- **Students on the Playground After School is Over:** When Wellington Elementary School students leave school, K&1 students are dismissed to the lower school playground and 2-4 students are dismissed to the upper school playground at 2:50PM. We understand that parents/guardians often want to stay and play with their sons/daughters at the end of the day. Just as with the arrival process, individual parents/guardians who choose to stay may supervise their own children or children they are authorized to supervise through pre-arranged communications, one hour past dismissal at: 3:50 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 2:40PM on Wednesdays; and 12:40PM on Early Release Wednesdays. *Again, if you notice an unattended child joining the play being supervised by you, please check-in with them to determine that they are not being supervised and then direct them to return inside the school, as they may be confused about their dismissal plan.* **One hour after school dismisses until 6:00 PM each day, the Wellington Elementary School playground is reserved for children enrolled in the Wellington Student Care Program.**
- **Adults Waiting for Student Dismissal:** Adults choosing to wait for student dismissal need to wait on one of the playgrounds for all students to be dismissed, and not inside the building. Please do not cut through the school. This policy is for everyone's safety. While it would be ideal to be able to welcome parents

inside, we do not have the staffing required to supervise the various comings and goings of all of the adults who wish to enter the school to wait. Adults needing to enter the school for a meeting, to sign-out a student early, or for other business should ring the bell and request entry into the building.

- **Non-Wellington Students Using the Playground:** Because of our playground's turf, many older children are attracted to play at Wellington Elementary School. Each non-Wellington student is a guest and we ask that they enter the office to check-in with the principal before beginning play between the hours of 7:00AM-6:00PM Monday-Friday to ensure rules and expectations are followed. Parents and guardians of Wellington Elementary School students are encouraged to welcome our guests and to inquire with them about their registration in the office, if needed.

Important Note: Parents and guardians may authorize any adult to assume responsibility as a care provider, for his/her child, for arrival and/or dismissal processes at anytime, by communicating these plans with the school.