



**Mission/Vision:** The Arvada K-8 community empowers all students, ensuring all students achieve personal and academic excellence.

Dear Arvada K-8 Families:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! With a new school year comes change. You may have noticed that our building has had some changes, and locations of classrooms are different than they have been in the past. Therefore, our drop off and pick up locations have also changed for some grades. Additionally, there are changes to some policies that are important for you to know.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

Entry doors open at 7:45 a.m. These doors will be clearly marked and staff members will be happy to help as we learn new routines.

**Buses:** The South side of the building, along 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is bus loading and unloading only. Signage clearly indicates this. Please do not drop off or pick up along here, as it impedes our buses, and could result in police intervention.

**Grades K-2:** K-2 students enter and exit through the Southeast door on the South side of the building, or through the East door closest to the Kindergarten pod (the round part of the building). This is not a change from last year. Students may get breakfast from the breakfast cart and head straight to their classrooms where they may eat breakfast (they may not eat in the hall). Students who are not eating breakfast must still head straight to their classrooms.

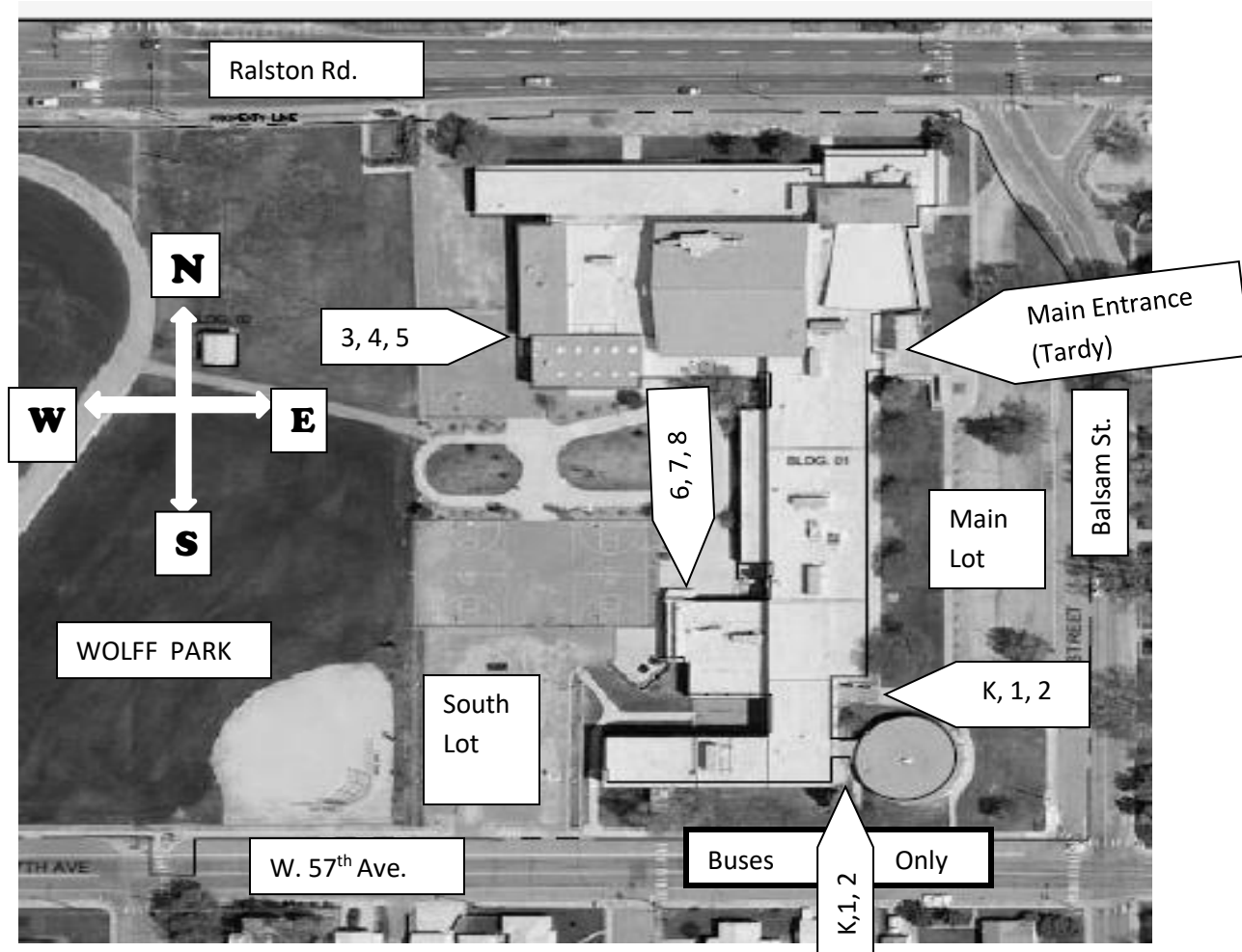
**Grades 3-5:** Students in grades 3-5 have a change in where they enter and exit. Students will be entering and exiting through the West door on the basketball court by the tennis courts. Students who are bused will proceed directly to or from buses to this door. Students may be dropped off or picked up most easily from the South parking lot, along 57<sup>th</sup> near Wolff Park, or on the North side of the building. When students enter the building they may get breakfast from the breakfast cart and immediately head to their classroom (students may not eat in the hallway). Students who are not eating breakfast must still head straight to their classrooms.

**Grade 6:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will enter the building through the exterior cafeteria doors on the West side of the building. They may then get breakfast and use the interior cafeteria doors to turn right and proceed straight to their classrooms where they may eat breakfast (students may not eat in the hallway). Students may only use the South stairs to go to their upstairs 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Students who are not eating breakfast must still head straight to their classrooms through the cafeteria.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students will exit the building through the Southwest door on the South side of the building.

**Grades 7 and 8:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who choose to eat breakfast may do so starting at 7:45. They will enter through the exterior cafeteria doors on the West side of the building. Those who choose not to eat breakfast may remain in the courtyard on the West side of the building. Once students have finished eating breakfast (and have cleaned up), they will wait in the courtyard on the West side of the building. The bell rings at 7:55, at which time students will be let into the building through the West doors leading upstairs.

**\*\*Older students who are meeting younger siblings must exit through their own grade level door and then meet the younger student outside their appropriate grade level door.\*\***



## Entering Building When Tardy

- Middle school students must sign in at the main office if they arrive at 8:10 or later.
- Elementary students MUST be signed in by a parent if they arrive at 8:10 or later.

## Pets

Only service animals are permitted in the school building. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to perform tasks or do work for people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets.

## Celebrations and Food

Due to changes in Federal rules, school district must have standards for foods provided (not sold) to students. With copious amounts of public input, consideration of food allergies, and equity, as well as guidance from leadership, a summary of the standards that impact families is below:

- Holiday Celebrations: At least half “healthier” (see below for definition) must be offered.
- Birthdays: Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, birthday recognition/celebrations should not include shared food (e.g. food brought in by families for students to share).

<b>Healthier Food Options Definition</b>		
<b><u>First three ingredients include at least one:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vegetable</li><li>• Fruit</li><li>• Meat/beans/eggs</li><li>• Whole Grain</li><li>• Water</li><li>• Dairy</li></ul>	<b><u>No Added Sugar</u></b> Added sugars include anything that ends in “-ose” for example: fructose, glucose, sucrose, sucralose, etc.	<b><u>Preparation</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fresh</li><li>• Baked</li><li>• Steamed/Boiled</li></ul>
<b><u>No Trans Fats</u></b> Includes fats like partially hydrogenated oil	<b><u>Beverages and drinks</u></b> are also subject to the same guidelines for foods.	

## Non-Contact Days

In the past, we have had early release days. We are joining the Arvada High School Articulation Area (and multiple other high school articulation areas) in changing early release days to non-contact days for students.