

# KQA Trailblazers News

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Welcome Back!

Dear KQA Families,

Welcome to the 2019 -2020 school year - I am so excited to get another wonderful year started at KQA! In this newsletter are some helpful items for the beginning of school. Some items that will come in handy are on our website at [www.kqatrailblazers.org](http://www.kqatrailblazers.org) . Here are the quick links to some items to assist you in planning:

- [Supply lists](#)
- [School Calendar](#) (including Kindergarten School Calendar)
- [Dress Code](#) Please note the required colors and review the dress code. All students will wear uniforms in August except on our first all-school Dress Down Day on Friday, August 23, and there will be a Dress Up Day on Wednesday, August 28, our school picture day.
- [Bus Routes](#) - The big change this school year is the addition of the ZONAR system which will be for all schools across the district. ZONAR was obtained by a grant and will allow the district to track all vehicles that transport any of our students. It will also allow staff to locate any student on a bus. This system will also be used in place of lunch codes and possibly library check out.
- For safety, security, and to make the lunch and transportation systems work, all of our students will need to bring their ZONAR card each day. We will provide a break-away lanyard for students to keep their card on. We will start out with all the students wearing their lanyard during the school day.
- For bus transportation, the ZONAR sensor located at the doorway of each bus. It takes only a second so it should not interfere with the loading and unloading of students. Students will be given their ZONAR cards during the first week of school and our staff will instruct them on how to use the system.
- Boys and Girls Club - after school only. Students meet in the cafeteria after school and are escorted or transported to the club located at the TRPR building. Parents must register with Boys and Girls Club and be accepted prior to going to the club.
- [Staff Contact Information](#)

- [Lunch Menu](#)
  - \* Lunch Prices 2019-2020
  - \* Breakfast \$1.70
  - \* Elementary School (K-5) Lunch \$2.40
  - \* Middle School Lunch \$2.55
  - \* Milk \$ .60
  - \* Adult Breakfast \$2.30
  - \* Adult Lunch \$3.50 - parents are welcome to bring a lunch for themselves and/or their child, or purchase a school lunch if they wish to join us for lunch.
- Your child can bring lunch to school or use their ZONAR card/account to have school lunch. Lunch money can be dropped off at the front office or you can use your Infinite Campus Parent Portal to put money in their account online. Be sure your child's first and last name is on the envelope if your child is bringing in their lunch money.
- Applications for free and reduced lunch are available at the following link, [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#) on the district website, or the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, or at the district/school office. You do not have to worry about your information being shared with others at our school or at the district or be concerned that other children will know this information during breakfast or lunch times because ALL of the application and approval information is confidential and all students use their ZONAR card for their meals.
- \*Please note: The USDA now says if you qualify for reduced meals, students in grades K-12 will now eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.
- **Snacks:** All students, including middle school, may bring a healthy snack to school for the morning. Each class will designate a snack time that works best for their class.

Here are some items specifically for the first week of school:

- Class lists are posted on the front window of the school. Please note that there may be changes prior to the first day of school.
- There will be an informal stop in/meet and greet for grades K-5 on Friday, August 16 from 9:00am - 2:00pm for students to drop off their school supplies and meet their teacher. If you cannot make it at this time, you are welcome to bring in their supplies on the first day.
- Our start and end times have changed:
  - \* Elementary school (K-5) will start at 7:40 am and end at 2:35 pm
  - \* Middle school will start at 7:30 am and end at 2:35 pm

### Coming to school:

- We will be lining up inside and the lineup procedures for the first day areas listed below. PLEASE understand that we will need visitor badges to be in the schoolhouse as detailed below for your grade level.
- **Kindergarten** will enter through the front east doors closest to the primary playground (fenced area with blue equipment) and go directly to class. Parents are welcome to walk their kindergartener into class for the first week of school only. After that time, we ask that you go to the office to get a visitor badge if you are coming into the school house.
- **First and Second Grade** will enter through the front/main doors of the schoolhouse and line up in the hallway to the left. First grade is on the left and second grade is on the right. Teachers will be there to assist. Parents may walk their child to class the first day of school, but will need a visitor badge from the second day on.
- **Third, Fourth, Fifth Grades** will enter through the front/main doors of the schoolhouse and line up in the gym. Teachers will be there to assist. Parents may walk their child to class the first day of school, but will need a visitor badge from the second day on.
- **Middle School** will enter through the front/main doors of the schoolhouse and sit in the bleachers in the gym. Teachers will be there to assist. Parents may walk their child to class the first day of school, but will need a visitor badge from the second day on.

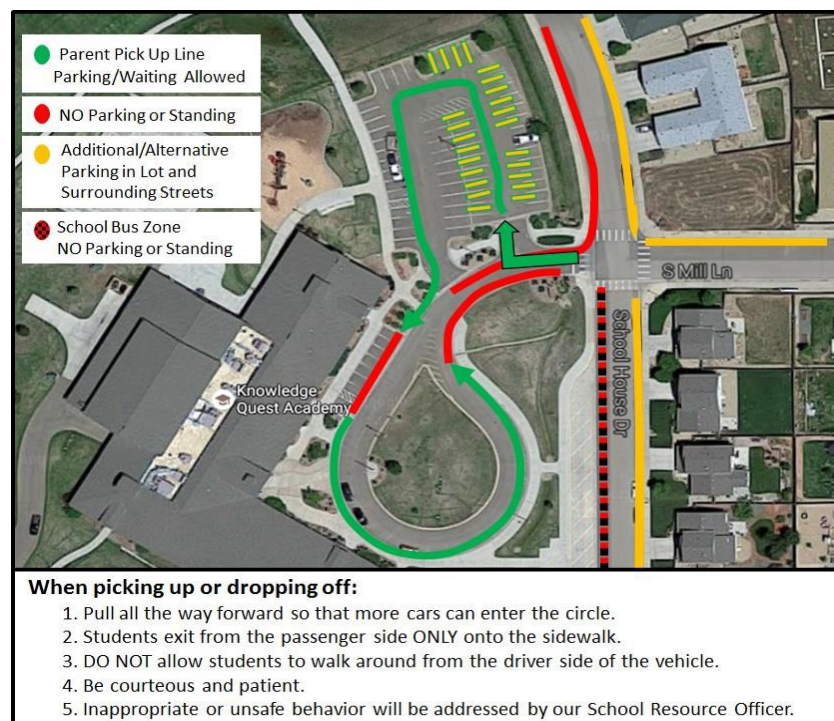
### After school:

- **Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade** will gather in the blue playground area. Bus students will be organized by their bus and escorted by staff to the buses. Once the bus students have been taken to the buses, the staff will begin allowing K-2<sup>nd</sup> students being picked up to leave with their designated person. (Parent, guardian, sitter, older sibling, etc.) Please be patient when picking up your student. The first few weeks may take a little more time as we all adjust to our drop off routine.
- **Grades 3 – 5** will leave via the main doors. Please arrange with your child where they are to meet you if they are not riding a bus.
- **Middle School** will leave from the north doors closest to the parking lot. Please arrange where they are to meet you if they are not riding a bus.

**Bus Students** – In the morning, our bus students can either go directly to their class line up area, or they may go to breakfast. After school, students in grades K-2 will line up in the fenced playground and be walked to their buses by our staff. Students in grades 3-8 are responsible for walking to their bus line with the assistance of our staff along their route from the school to the bus lines. Please be sure your child knows the expectations of our district transportation department regarding behavior. Bus registration and rules can be found at [Transportation Registration and Rules](#).

**Drop off/Pick Up/Parking** - We ask that you please drive slowly in the neighborhood and be considerate in our school drop off areas. **Safety is our priority as well as being good neighbors.**

- Please review the drop off/pick up/parking map found below. In the traffic circle, cars are not to be left unattended. Please park in the areas indicated if you need to come into the school.
- Students may be dropped off any time after 7:05 am if they are having breakfast. They will enter through the front doors. Students not having breakfast at school may be dropped off any time after 7:15 am and go to their line up area.



**A few calendar items:**

- **Tuesday, August 13** – Middle School starts! Students bring supplies with them on the first day.
- **Friday, August 16** – Kindergarten through 5th grade may drop off their school supplies anytime between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. This really helps to have less to carry on the first day! You will have an opportunity to informally meet the classroom teachers as well.
- **Monday, August 19** – Elementary School Starts! Parents will be permitted to walk your child to class on the first day. After the first day, students will meet their teachers at their assigned “line up” area as detailed above. If you are new to KQA, please plan to have your driver’s license scanned if it is not yet in our system the first time you need to enter the schoolhouse during school hours.

- **Thursday, August 22** – Back to School Night at 6:00 pm – This will be an open house format to let you meet your child's teacher and see their classroom.
- **Friday, August 23** – **Free Dress Down Day** – Students may wear the outfit of their choice as long as it meets non-uniform dress requirements.
- **Wednesday, August 28** – All school **DRESS UP** day! We will be having our school pictures on this date, so students may wear the outfit of their choice. Reminder: All outfits need to cover down to the fingertips (when placed at their sides) in both front and back. Bring your beautiful smiles!
- **Friday, August 30** – **NO SCHOOL!** This is a professional development day for our staff.
- **Friday, September 6** – First **paid** dress down day –students may bring a dollar to dress down. Please have your child do a chore or help out at home to earn their dollar. The money we collect helps with field trips, art/music/PE supplies, and other fun things! (Each Friday except the last Friday of the month are paid dress down days. The last Friday of every month is a free dress down day – students may wear the outfit of their choice as long as it meets dress code requirements.)

**Communication** – We utilize many forms of communication at KQA! We send out a monthly newsletter on the first Friday of every month, which is also posted on our website. We also have School Messenger to send you text messages and at the link [Infinite Campus Portal](#) for you to view student grades, add money to lunch accounts, and pay fees. Information on signing up for those systems will be sent soon for those who do not have an account. Teachers also use their choice of classroom communications to stay connected.

We also invite you to email us or give us a call. Our contact information can be found on our website at the following link: [KQA Staff Contact List](#). Please contact staff to set up a time if you wish to stop in for a conference. Our staff is very busy before and after school with meetings and preparations – we want to give you our full attention!

Finally, I want you to know that we are in this together – we are a team with you as parents to guide us. Please do not ever hesitate to contact us as soon as possible if there is a concern or a need for your child. Even the small things give us insight into how we can be better support for your child.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your questions, comments, concerns, and even compliments!

Best wishes,

Linda Linda Spreitzer, Principal :)

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# Dress Down Days

Sept 6 Paid

Sept 13 Paid

Sept 20 Paid

Sept 27 Free

Oct 4 Paid

Oct 11 Paid

Oct 25 Free

Nov 8 Paid

Nov 15 Paid

Nov 22 Free

Dec 6 Paid

Dec 13 Paid

Dec 20 Free

Jan 10 Paid

Jan 17 Paid

Jan 24 Paid

Jan 31 Paid

Feb 14 Paid

Feb 21 Paid

Feb 28 Free

March 13 Paid

March 20 Free

April 10 Paid

April 24 Free

May 8 Paid

May 15 Free