



MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL

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Dear MBS Families,

At the top of the list of responsibilities associated with my position is creating a safe and secure environment at MBS. In order to accomplish this goal, we need to have a collaborative and ongoing commitment amongst the staff, students, and visitors that are present in school each day. In other words, our efforts must be consistent in order to maintain a level of safety and security that will help prevent, or at least minimize opportunities for dangerous situations to occur.

At the conclusion of the previous school year, our administration met with several members from the faculty to discuss new ideas and possible changes that could be made to help upgrade our current level of school safety and security. As a result of those meetings, several initiatives have been developed and implemented. Already in place is the additional cart in the vestibule for non-lunch items. This practice has greatly reduced unscheduled visitors coming into the building during school hours.

As has been the case for years, the only permissible way in and out of MBS is through the front door and front office where each visitor is expected to sign in/out. This year you will notice increased signage throughout the school reminding visitors that the only permissible exit from the school is through the main office and front doors. This will eliminate, or at least reduce, the possibility of unauthorized visitors entering through a door as someone exits.

Lastly, to insure all visitors in the school are accounted for and comply with the entry and exit policy, a Visitor Collateral Entry Program will be starting on the first day of school. This program will require visitors to sign in when they enter the main office and then leave a collateral item with the office staff. It is the visitor's choice to leave one of the following: 1) car key 2) driver's license 3) cell phone. In return, visitors will be issued a lanyard with a visitor's badge that must be worn for the duration of their visit. At the conclusion of each visit, visitors will be expected to return to the main office, return the lanyard and receive their collateral item back from the office staff. As in the past, visitors will continue to sign out prior to exiting the school via the front doors.

As with any change in practice or protocol, there may be some growing pains, especially if someone is inconvenienced due to the above changes. However, I think everyone would agree that being inconvenienced is a small price to pay in order to maintain a safe and secure setting at our school.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Principal/Superintendent