

From ASD via email
12/22/2018

Dear Families,

As Principals of Eagle River and Homestead elementary schools and Birchwood ABC School, and in conjunction with the Superintendent's office, we would like to thank the community for your continued support, collaboration, and patience as we continue through concerns resulting from the recent earthquake.

Anchorage School District Transportation aims to provide safe, on-time service for students so they may experience a good ride to and from school. A good ride means that students arrive at school ready to learn and safely return home from school.

Following the November 30 earthquake in Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska, the District has heard the concerns of parents and families. As a result, changes to the transportation plan for Eagle River Elementary students will be implemented effective January 7. The District is making the following changes to bus schedules and bus routes to meet our students and families' needs.

The new morning routine for ERES bus riders will include:

- ERES students, who previously traveled to school by bus, will be picked up at their normal bus stops. The pick-up times will be a few minutes earlier (see attached schedules).
 - Students in grades K-3 will arrive at Homestead at approximately 8:30 a.m. Students will be supervised until the morning bell and then receive a meal in their classrooms.
 - Students in grades 4-6 will arrive at Birchwood at the normal drop-off time (approximately 8:50 a.m.), where they will enter the building and receive a meal in their classroom. Students will arrive at school directly from home without a shuttle bus route.
 - Pre-K students attending Ravenwood will be bussed directly from their respective homes and will receive a meal at the school.
- For walking ERES students, two buses will be staged at ERES at approximately 8:25 a.m. for pick-up, loading, and travel to Homestead and Birchwood, departing ERES at 8:35 a.m. Buses will arrive at the schools at approximately 8:45 a.m. This will affect approximately 65 students. Staff will be in the ERES parking lot to greet and receive the students. A locked/secure port-a-potty will be available for student use and arrangements have been made for plowing the sidewalks for a safer waiting area.

In the afternoon, buses will pick the students in grades K-3 up at Homestead at approximately 3:30 p.m., travel to Birchwood to pick up students in grades 4-6, and then proceed to deliver students to their home bus stops according to the schedule.

Families may access all of this information from several sources: there are lists of bus schedules/routes/stops attached to this message. Information is also available at "[Transportation Routes for ERES](#)," on the ASD website. If you have additional questions, staff will be available to provide assistance and answer questions on January 2 at ASD Transportation; you may reach Transportation staff by dialing 742-1200.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to make adjustments to better meet your child's needs.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Stuart, Principal, Homestead Elementary
Mrs. Prince, Principal, Eagle River Elementary