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Community Freedom Public Charter School

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The Stokes Banner

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*Cover photo: Pre-k scholars greeting each other on our first day back from winter break!



Letter from the Campus Director



Dear Stokes School Community,

One of the things we greatly appreciate about the family community here at Stokes School – East End Campus is the way that your suggestions, individually and as a community, help us to continue growing. One area about which there have been several questions and suggestions from the community and from our security consultant is building access and attendant procedures around drop off and pick up. Please see below some updated steps we will begin taking this month as well as a few reminders; the detailed addendum to the Parent and Student Handbook is attached.

Highlights of the changes are that the Blaine Street door will now remain open until 9:00am and we will more tightly control access for persons who intend to visit the school building, especially during instructional time.

- Access to and exit from the building is possible through the East Capitol Street door from 7:30am to 6:00pm or through the Blaine Street door from 7:30am to 9:00am.
- All adults entering the building will sign in with ID at all times.
- Adults will only enter one of the restrooms designated for adult use.
- Adults will be able to enter the main corridor of the school during regular dismissal time (2:50 – 3:45 M – Th, 12:50 – 1:15 F) or with an appointment.
- Pick up, tardy arrival, and item drop off at all other times will happen in the vestibule and/or administration wing.
- Regular morning drop off for all scholars will be in the gym during Morning Line-up (8:05am) and Pre-K Line-up (8:50am)
- Front desk staff will begin issuing Tardy Slips for all scholars in Kindergarten and above beginning at 8:15am or after Morning Line-up has completed, whichever happens later.



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You may also begin to notice more signage up around the building as we continue to strive for a the balance between a dedication to safety and a dedication to family and community feeling. We recognize that there will be a window of time where the community as a whole grows accustomed to the new procedures and ask in advance that we all work with one another with a spirit of community and patience.

To view the addendum to the East End Scholar and Family Handbook, please click [here](#).

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IMPORTANT DATES

PTA General Body Meeting	February 4
Joyful Market	February 6
First Friday	February 7
Friendship Ball	February 14
Intent to Enroll Deadline	February 17
Presidents’ Day/February Break NO SCHOOL	February 17-21
Return to School	February 24
Open House	February 26
Black History Month Assembly	February 28



Drop Off

The gate to the Blaine Street parking lot is opened from 7:30am-8:30am for drop-off. For safety reasons, we ask that parents drive East from 55th Street on Blaine Street NE, turn right into the gate, right at the bottom of the hill, right into and around the north parking loop, left towards the school building and drop their scholar off onto the sidewalk on the school side of the driveway between the hoop house and the Stokes School rear door. Please, do not park in the parking lot or the driveway; school staff will escort your child into the building. When exiting the gate, please turn right to continue East on Blaine Street NE towards 57th Street NE. The East Capitol Street Door, located under the Stokes School awning, is available from 7:30am until 6:00pm (unless otherwise noted). To use this door please park on either 55th St., Blaine St., or 57th Pl and walk your scholar inside.

Pick Up

Scholars are to be picked up by parents in their classrooms, unless staying for After School. To pick up your scholar, please park on either 55th St., Blaine St., or 57th Pl. and walk to the East Capitol St. entrance door. Scholars will not be released from After School until a parent or authorized pick up arrives and signs them out. Scholars typical day ends at 3:00 PM for Pre-K and 3:30 PM for Kindergarten, with After School running from 3-6:00PM. Fridays end at 1:00PM and After School will run from 1- 6:00PM.



GET INVOLVED

- Box Tops goes digital. For a limited time, to celebrate the launch of the new Box Tops for Education app, you can double box tops! Scan your receipts on the apps and give your box tops to Stokes School for 2x points.



- We are seeking parent volunteers for our Joyful Markets happening the first Thursday of every month. If interested in donating your time, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/JoyfulMarket2019-20> or email TylerP@ewstokes.org for more information.
- Interested in helping out at the Black History Month Assembly? Please email AdrienneD@ewstokes.org or HopeC@ewstokes.org for more information



GET INVOLVED

- Join the Stokes PTA by going to StokesEastEndPTA.org. Keep abreast of what the PTA is up to by checking the listserv for PTA related messages and looking out for PTA informative flyers posted around the school.
- Shopping? Use smile.amazon.com and select Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter school as your charity of choice.
- Interested in being on the parent panel for February Open House and sharing your experience at Stokes School with prospective parents? Please email TylerP@ewstokes.org or KarimE@ewstokes.org for more information.
- We are always seeking parent volunteers for scholars' Friday lunch periods. If interested in donating your time, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/EEtri2LunchDuty> or email TylerP@ewstokes.org for more information.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Indian Mango Dhal



- 6lbs 8oz chicken breast
- 2.5 oz garlic powder
- 2 oz sugar
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons allspice
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1.5 tablespoons salt
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon ground turmeric
- 1/4 cup ground cumin
- 1/4 cup canola oil



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

1. Combine garlic powder, sugar, cinnamon, allspice, paprika, salt, red pepper flakes, black pepper, cayenne pepper, turmeric, cumin, and oil in a small bowl. Stir well.
2. Toss chicken portions in spice mixture. Allow chicken to marinate for at least 30 minutes.
3. Place chicken portions on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper and lightly coated with pan release spray.
4. Bake at 350 °F for 10-15 minutes

***Replace chicken with tofu or hearty mushrooms for a tasty vegetarian alternative



February Menus can be found [here](#).

