TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

We are committed to ensuring that all children are transported to and from school in a safe and respectful environment. Riding the bus is a privilege and our students have come to understand that this privilege may be temporarily or permanently revoked if a child’s behavior violates the Vincent Farm or BCPS code of conduct. We know you support this dedication to the safety of our students. BCPS policy also dictates bus stops shall be the same location 5 days a week.

As we prepare for the 2021-22 school year, I would like to share our thoughts and commitments about bus transportation. Please note the transportation department assigns a bus stop to each student during the summer months. If your child is not riding the bus, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the school office.

At Vincent Farm Elementary, bus safety is very important. In order to be safe, all children must:

- Remain seated at all times.
- Keep objects and body parts inside the bus and clear of the aisles.
- Keep objects and body parts to themselves.
- Use a reasonable level of volume when speaking.
- Interact kindly with others.
- Follow all directions given by the bus driver.

Following these rules enables students to have safe transportation to and from the school each day and enables the bus driver to focus on the task of driving the bus.

The 2021-22 bus routes are included in this email. Please accurately note the bus name and stop as well as the pick-up and drop-off times. Please arrive to the stop 10 minutes early to allow for traffic variables and weather conditions. Please contact the school with any questions: (443) 809-2983.

If you choose a different mode of transportation (ie: car, daycare van) please complete the section below and return it to the office during our Sneak a Peak Friday, August 27th or send it in with your student on the first day of school.

2021-22 TRANSPORTATION CHANGE

TO: VFES FRONT OFFICE

RE: TRANSPORTATION CHANGE

Student Name: ___________________________ Gr: _____ Teacher: _______________________

____ My child will not be riding the bus. My child will be traveling to/from school by:

Parent Drop off/Pick Up

____ All times ___ AM only ___ PM only

Day Care: ___________________________ All times ___ AM only ___ PM only

____ My child will ride the bus only at the following times: ___ AM only ___ PM only

Effective date of this change: ______________ Parent Signature: ____________________________

(For Office Use Only)

Date received and updated or submitted to transportation for change __________ Initials __________
Please note these important BCPS Transportation policies and procedures.

Pre-Kindergarten students must be met by a responsible, authorized person at the bus stop. If a student is not met, the driver shall complete the route and return the student to the school. For safety reasons, we highly recommend that the parents accompany children to and from the bus stop.

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will be discharged from the bus at their assigned stop. An adult is not required to be at the bus stop; however, we highly recommend that parents accompany children to and from the bus stop. If the driver is concerned for the safety of the student for any reason, the driver shall complete the route and return the student to the school.

Bus Assignment changes can be arranged for emergency reasons only. Please submit a letter to the office identifying the request, reason for the change and applicable dates.

Changes in transportation must be made in writing at any time during the school year.

Additional policies and procedures can be found in the BCPS Parents' and Students' Guide to Transportation that can be accessed at:

https://www.bcps.org/offices/transportation/pdf/parentsstudentsguide.pdf

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and travel safely.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Bender
Principal