

# Greenfield Elementary School

## The Gator Bite



### Rainy Day Dismissal Information

Rainy days at the Swamp bring extra challenges at dismissal. This Gator Bite Bulletin should help parents understand our process to make the end of the day as smooth as possible, even with stormy weather. Please familiarize yourself with the portions that would apply to your students. Our hope is that a shared understanding will result in lower volume of calls to the office, enabling our staff to manage the dismissal process.

1. In general, rain will not stop the dismissal process. However, in the event of significantly stormy weather (torrential downpour, lightning, etc.), students will be held in the building at the discretion of the office. All three gates (Poinciana, White Wing and Main Playground Gate) will remain closed and locked.
2. Students will be moved internally based on their typical means of dismissal:
  - a. Parent Pick Up (driving loop) will be released as usual to their indoor waiting locations and bus riders will be lined up in the gym and main hallway according by bus color/route.
  - b. Main Gate Pick Up and White Wing walkers will be held in main hall near office and workroom
  - c. Poinciana walkers and bike riders will be dismissed to the library. Those who typically pick up siblings from Ramada will first pick them up in the designated area in the main hall and then return to the library
  - d. GrJHS walkers will be held in the music room
  - e. Greenfield Road Pickup students will be held on campus and moved to the Parent Pick Up loop if the storm does not dissipate within several minutes of the end of school bell.
3. White Wing and Poinciana walkers and bikers will be released at office discretion as storm lightens. Poinciana and White Wing gates will be opened at this time. Main playground gate will remain closed and students may be picked up by parents at the north side entrance behind the office (near the flagpole).
4. Parents needing to come onto campus should do so through main office doors only where office staff will assist as needed.

### Notes

1. **We will not permit students to make phone calls from the school phones under ordinary circumstances on a rainy dismissal day.** This prevents office staff from communicating internally by tying up multiple phone lines. When communicating with your student in the morning of a potentially rainy afternoon, it is best to tell them you will pick them up the normal way, but to follow the school instructions for that way home. This will minimize school instructions conflicting with home instructions.
2. This process is a best attempt at organizing our approximately 1050 students during a time that is busy for them and uncomfortable for those outside getting wet. We appreciate your patience and flexibility!

**Thank you for your help in getting our students home safely,  
and as efficiently and as dry as possible!**