

KAOHSIUNG AMERICAN SCHOOL

PREPARING BALANCED INDIVIDUALS, INDEPENDENT LEARNERS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENS

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at KAS! We look forward to greeting our returning students and parents and getting to know our new families. Our beautiful school is looking fantastic and our final construction for our new gym, swimming pool, sports fields, and cafeteria are underway. In October, 2016, KAS will be finished, and our 28 year dream will come true.

This year we are so excited to start the year in our beautiful new building and we welcome you to visit if you haven't had a chance yet. We are also thrilled with the early progress on the second phase of our construction. This phase does present some challenges however. One is that, for the time being, we have only one gate available for dropping off and picking up students for both cars and busses. To ensure the safety of all and to minimize the traffic congestion, we ask that all parents and drivers follow the following protocols. In the morning, we will use two lanes within the school gates; the lane to the right, closest to the school, is for busses to drop off students. The lane to the left, closest to Cuei Hua Rd, is for cars to drop off students. There is no parking in these areas. If you would like to park, you may use the parking basement, although there are a limited number of spaces. It is important that students and adults alike follow the directions of the gate guards and the TAs who are on duty. They work very hard to maintain safety, and we need everyone's cooperation!

In the afternoon for pick-up, the gates will be closed to car traffic from 2:30 - 3:10 to allow all of the busses to park on campus. Parents who would like to park in the basement before 2:30 may do so, but please be aware that it will not be possible to leave campus until the busses have departed. All parents should pick up their children in the front of the school on Cuei Hua Road, although no parking is allowed on Cuei Hua. We appreciate your help and understanding in following this new procedure, and we look forward to the completion of phase two which will include a new entrance for busses.

One playground is now available for our lower elementary school students and the second playground for other students will open on August 24 along with our temporary basketball/volleyball court. We will have limited playground for much of the first semester, but by the second semester we will have playground space larger than we have ever had.

We realize transportation and parking, and playground space will be an inconvenience, but we remind all that the rewards will far outweigh this problem. We stress that student safety will be our first priority. We will have 5 security guards on traffic patrol as well as our 12 TA's and administration.

We are looking forward to greeting our wonderful students.

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親愛的家長您好，

歡迎大家跟高雄美國學校一起迎接新的一年。我們很期待跟舊家長及學生敘舊，同時認識新的家庭。我們美麗的校園看起來美侖美奐，興建中的體育館，游泳池，運動場及餐廳都在順利進行中。第二期工程將在 2016 年 10 月完工，我們 28 年來新校園的夢想成真。

今年學校在美麗嶄新地校舍開學，我們感到非常開心，歡迎還沒有機會參觀過的家長來學校看看。對於第二期工程進度超前，我們也非常興奮。這期工程出現很多挑戰。其中之一就是，學校暫時只有一個出入口供家長及校車接送學生。為了確保所有學生的安全同時把交通擁擠的問題降到最小，我們呼籲所有家長及司機遵守下列的措施。每天早上，在學校入口閘門會有兩線道，右線道也就是最靠近學校的區域將只開放給校車，讓搭校車的學生下車。左線道，也就是最靠近翠華路的大門區域，是開放給搭乘轎車上課的學生下車之用的。這些區域是禁止停車的。如果您需要停車，儘管車位有限，還是請您使用學校的地下一樓停車場。學生跟大人一樣必須遵守警衛及當班助教的指揮，這一點非常重要。他們非常努力維護大家的安全，因此我們需要每一位家長的配合。

下課後的學生接送，入口閘門將從下午 2:30 到 3:10 關閉，只准許所有的校車進入停放。如果家長想要將車輛開進學校停放在地下一樓停車場，請在 2:30 之前進入學校，但是請您注意，您必須等到所有校車離開校園後才能將您的愛車開離學校。所有要接學生下課的家長，可以在翠華路大門口外接學生，雖然翠華路機車道是禁止停車的。家長對於學校這項新措施的配合與諒解，我們非常感激，我們很期待第 2 期工程的完工，因為這項工程包含校車專用進出的新閘門。

其中一個專為小學部低年級學生所準備的遊樂場已經可以使用了，第二個供其他學生所使用的遊樂場及臨時籃球/排球場將在 8 月 24 日開放使用。第一學期我們能夠使用的運動遊樂場地是很有限的，但是第二學期的運動使用空間將會比現在所使用的大很多。

我們知道交通、停車空間及運動遊樂場所會造成您的不便，但是提醒大家您所獲得的回報將遠超過這些不方便的問題。我們要再次強調學生的安全是我們的首要考量，所以我們在上下課時間會有 5 名警衛以及 12 助教及行政職員一起巡視指揮交通，維護學生的安全。

期待一起歡迎我們令人讚嘆的學生們！

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