



TAKOMA PARK ES AT GROSVENOR 2009-2010

TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS

Takoma Park Elementary School (TPES) will be in its temporary location on Grosvenor Lane in Bethesda, MD, beginning in July 2009. While we are excited about the new addition being built at TPES, the relocation will present some challenges. Here are a few ways you can prepare your family for the 2009-2010 school year at Grosvenor.

- Talk to your child(ren) about plans for next year. Explain that we will be using a different building during the 2009-2010 school year while TPES gets a brand new addition, and we will be returning to TPES for the 2010-2011 school year. Point out that our whole school—all of the students and staff—will be at Grosvenor together.
- Take a trip to Grosvenor. Sign up for a PTA-sponsored field trip to Grosvenor this summer. Students and their families will take school buses and tour our temporary home. If you cannot join a field trip, make a visit to Grosvenor on your own to see the campus and experience the travel time. Be aware that if you visit on your own, you will not be able to go inside the building.
- Choose a bus stop. The Montgomery County Public Schools transportation department will provide bus schedules and routes this spring 2009. We will notify families as soon as they are available. Copies of the route schedules will be provided in the main office at school, and a copy will be posted on the PTA Web site, www.tpespta.org. Once you have chosen your bus stop, visit the stop with your child(ren).
- Find other families that will use your bus stop. Exchange contact information with other families who could help out in an emergency.
- Make a contingency plan in case of emergencies. Talk with your child(ren) about what to do if there is no one waiting at the bus stop in the afternoon. Make a plan for sudden school closings, such as an early release due to inclement weather.
- Provide your contact information to your bus driver at the start of the school year, so the driver can call you in the event of an emergency.
- Make sure that your child(ren) has had sufficient food, beverages, and bathroom breaks before making the trip to Grosvenor in the mornings. The staff at TPES will make sure students are prepared for the trip home in the afternoons.
- Keep your contact information up to date at TPES. If a phone number or address changes, provide the new information immediately to Mrs. Egan or Mrs. Paz in the front office. Also, provide TPES with the number of the bus route that your child(ren) will use.
- Become more connected to the school. Join the PTA. Visit the TPES PTA Web site at www.tpespta.org. Click on the links in the upper right-hand corner to join the TPES listserv. Click on the tab called “2009 TPES at Grosvenor” to learn all the latest news about the relocation.

The staff and PTA of TPES look forward to seeing you next fall at Grosvenor!