Pikmykid Expedites Emergency Drills, Redefines Dismissal & Clarifies Communication At Monroe Elementary

Monroe Local School District MONROE, OH
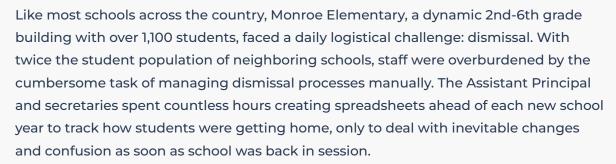
Monroe Elementary School

The Challenge

STREAMLINING DISMISSAL & STRENGTHENING SAFETY MEANT DISRUPTING THE STATUS QUO

Like most schools across the country, Monroe Elementary, a dynamic 2nd-6th grade building with over 1,100 students, faced a daily logistical challenge: dismissal. With twice the student population of neighboring schools, staff were overburdened by the cumbersome task of managing dismissal processes manually. The Assistant Principal and secretaries spent countless hours creating spreadsheets ahead of each new school year to track how students were getting home, only to deal with inevitable changes and confusion as soon as school was back in session.

"I would watch my staff juggle clipboards and spreadsheets, double-checking with kids, 'Is that mom or dad picking you up?' It functioned, but it didn't feel like a great system," explained Principal and changemaker Joe Ward.

On top of dismissal challenges, Monroe Elementary had no reliable system for rapid reunification during drills or emergencies, further emphasizing the need for a comprehensive solution. "Rapid dismissals were like an old-time fire drill. In the past, teachers would have their class roster and a card that's either red or green. They would hold up the card; red meant they're missing a kid, green, they've got everybody. But, there was no system in place for really tracking that, so if we actually had to do a real reunification, where we had to get off-campus and have parents come pick up their kids, that would have been a nightmare."

The Solution

EXPLORING NEW POSIBILITIES WITH PIKMYKID

After a Google search led Ward to Pikmykid, he was intrigued by its potential to address his team's pain points. He scheduled a demo, which presented Pikmykid's user-friendly platform capable of streamlining dismissal, improving communication, and enhancing safety measures.

Pikmykid stood out for its robust functionality, such as allowing parents to change pickup modes in real-time through the app. "One of the things we like the best is the parent's ability to change pickup modes through the app," said Ward. "Their ability to change that mode is a significant benefit to our staff. It's a time saver. It's huge."

The Results: Risk Meets Rewards

IMPROVED DISMISSAL WORKFLOW

Monroe Elementary's tradition to Pikmykid eliminated the exclusive reliance on manual spreadsheets and clipboards, replacing them with a digital system that tracks real-time dismissal data. Teachers and staff now know exactly where students are and who is picking them up, significantly reducing confusion and delays.

Faster Dismissals

With Pikmykid's streamlined system, dismissal times have decreased dramatically, allowing for a smoother end-of-day process.

Parent Satisfaction

"Parents love the app. I've received messages from families expressing appreciation for how easy it is to manage their schedules and communicate changes with us."

Fewer Errors

Real-time updates ensure accurate dismissal records, reducing mistakes and eliminating last-minute scramble.

ENHANCED SAFETY & REUNIFICATION DRILLS

Safety drills & rapid dismissals have been revolutionized at Monroe Elementary. By leveraging Pikmykid's emergency reuinification features, staff can quickly and accurately account for every student. "We actually have data," Ward emphasized. "I know where the kids are and who has checked them in. Our building is better prepared compared to those without a system like this."

TIME-SAVINGS FOR STAFF

The new system has drastically reduced the workload for Monroe's assistant principals and secretaries, freeing up time for other critical tasks. Teachers in grades 3-6 have also embraced Pikmykid's hall pass functionality to track students' whereabouts more efficiently during the day, including relentless trips to the restroom.

Key Benefits Of Pikmykid For Monroe Elementary

Real-Time Parent Updates

Families can seamlessly update dismissal plans through the app, eliminating phone calls and last-minute adjustments.

Improved Communication

Pikmykid bridges the gap between parents and school staff, ensuring everyone stays informed.

Streamlined Processes

Dismissal and safety procedures are now faster, more efficient, and less chaotic.

The Proof Of Pikmykid At Monroe Elementary

Ward believes Pikmykid has transformed the way Monroe Elementary operates. It's not just a tool for dismissal; it's a system that improves communicating, planning & safety. "There's so many benefits to it. It's so nice for us. It's a gamechanger."

Final Thoughts

CHANGE IS A GOOD THING

Since investing in Pikmykid in May 2023, Monroe Elementary has seen significant improvements in dismissal efficiency, safety preparedness, and parent satisfaction. What was once a chaotic, time-consuming process is now seamless and well-organized, thanks to Pikmykid's innovative platform.

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