

Crocker Highlands Elementary School Summer Mailer

Welcome to a new school year at Crocker! This mailer contains a set of informational materials to help you get ready for the upcoming year. Below is a list of the contents, with an indication of which forms need to be returned to the school. Any materials that need to be returned can be sent in the envelope provided, sent back to school with your child(ren), or placed in the green PTA mailbox outside the school office.

Thanks so much and here's to another great school year!

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Hello Crocker Families:

A warm welcome to both our returning students and families and our new Crocker community members! We hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing break and we can't wait to see your smiling faces back at school.

As many of you know, Joci Kelleher has taken on the permanent position of Crocker's principal and we are absolutely thrilled to have her continue to build and develop our strong Crocker education and traditions. We are also excited to continue our partnership with Ms. Kelleher as we further define community spirit and community building at Crocker. Critical to the foundation of our community is providing a rich academic environment for our children. We feel fortunate to be part of a community that has consistently contributed and supported the school in the multiple ways needed to achieve this vision: art, library, computers, edible garden, physical education, and many other programs. To that end, we ask that every family becomes involved in Crocker throughout the year in whatever way they feel most comfortable. We are all in this together striving for the same goal.

To find out more information about school programs, and what goes on during the first hectic weeks of the school year, visit our hospitality table on the playground during morning drop-off time the first few days of school. We will also be hosting a morning coffee and bagel gathering in the MPR on Friday, August 29th right after drop-off. We encourage you to join us that morning to see old friends and meet new ones.

We also invite you to attend the first PTA meetings of the school year (and each meeting thereafter). On Thursday August 21st, we will discuss and pass the PTA budget and employee contracts for the 2014-2015. The PTA budget consists of all the programs and events funded by the PTA (e.g., our school librarian and technology lab, the auction and special art activities).

While the August 21st meeting will provide a glimpse at the great programs supported through the generosity of our school families and community, we also encourage you to attend the second PTA General Session meeting on September 18th. At this meeting you will learn even more details about the programs approved by the PTA during the budgeting meeting.

To get regular school updates we urge you to sign up for the weekly Crocker Bulletin and for the Yahoo group (see information in this mailer for details). Please note-this is the primary mode of school communication; your participation in signing up is appreciated. Also take a look at our school website www.crockerschool.org for more information throughout the school year.

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To support the school's efforts in achieving equitable outcomes for all students; To impact positively the entire school community; To create a sustainable environment; To promote involvement and inclusiveness of all families; and To enrich quality education.



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We hope to see you at the first PTA meetings and we look forward to seeing you and your children on the first day back at Crocker on August 25th.

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A Great Public Education Isn't Free...It's Up to Us!
Crocker Highlands Elementary Annual Giving 2014-15

Thanks to the dedication of parents, the greater community and our educators, Crocker Highlands is one of the best schools in Oakland. We are proud of the strong school that we, as a community, have helped to build. In order to continue providing this great education for our children, we need to maintain this momentum.

Our PTA provides funding for music, physical education, library, computer instruction, classroom aides, supplemental math & reading, yard supervision, community-building events, & much, much more. The funds for these outstanding academic & enrichment programs come from you...our community.

This academic year, the Crocker PTA will spend approximately \$334,000 on these important programs, or about \$785 per child. These are funds that we must raise for our children to have a rich and balanced education. Annual Fund contributions pay directly for these programs.

Each year, we ask every Crocker family to commit to supporting the cost of these programs through donations and fundraising. Donations in any amount are welcome from anyone – including relatives and friends. All donations make a difference for our children and are much appreciated. We are hoping to reach 100% family participation...join us in reaching this goal.

Donate today! It's easy & 100% tax deductible.

Payment Method:

ONLINE: Go to www.crockerschool.org & click on the Annual Giving icon. Here you can make a one-time or a recurring credit card donation.

CHECK: Payable to **Crocker Highlands PTA**

Please mail this form and check or return it to the green PTA box outside the school office.

Student(s) Name &

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Employer (for matching

gifts): _____

Donation Amount: _____

In addition, please inquire as to whether or not your employer has a corporate matching or workplace giving program. We are more than happy to provide you with any necessary forms as this is a great way to make your donation go even further!

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Crocker Highlands PTA

The primary way we work together on realizing a well-rounded educational experience at Crocker is through participation in the PTA. Whether or not you choose to become an official PTA member, as a family at Crocker Highlands Elementary, you are the PTA. Your opinions and decisions are valuable and necessary in order to inform the best possible education and educational experience for your child.

Crocker Highlands PTA is a parent/teacher organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general well-being of our children. The PTA sponsors family and community-oriented activities such as the Book Fair, Craft Fair, and Carnival. Many vital volunteer activities are coordinated by the PTA. The PTA also raises money to support vocal music, P.E., Spanish, the library, supplemental math and language arts instruction, and many other important programs at Crocker.

Why should you join the Crocker Highlands PTA?

The PTA is not just a fundraising machine! Our \$5.50 per person dues include membership in the state and national PTA – the largest child and education advocacy organization in the country. The larger our PTA is, the more collective strength that we will have when advocating for our children. With that said, anyone can join! Moms, Dads, guardians, grandparents...anyone who wants to support Crocker kids!

If you have questions, please contact Kate Hucklebridge, membership chair at membership@crockerschool.org

**** PTA DUES ARE \$5.50 PER ADULT PER YEAR * ***

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ PTA memberships. (Please write the names of the individuals joining below.)

Names:

Please make checks payable to: CROCKER HIGHLANDS PTA and put "Membership" in the memo line.

Return this form—with your payment ATTACHED—in the envelope provided or to the green PTA box outside the school office.

You can also join online at: <http://crockerschool.org/pta/join-the-pta/>

2013-14 Crocker Highlands Student Directory Permission Form

The Crocker Directory is an invaluable resource for the Crocker parent and teacher community. We now use a secure, online directory which includes mobile access from smartphones and tablets. Simply provide your email address(es) and your family will be set up to have access to the online directory at the start of the school year. You will also be able to update your contact information and choose what information you want to make visible in the directory at any time throughout your tenure at Crocker.

NOTE: The directory is for the exclusive use of the Crocker parent and teacher community and will NOT be used for commercial purposes!

New Parents, please fill out the following form, or email Tara Runyan at directory@crockerschool.org with your contact information, particularly your email addresses.

Returning parents, please update the online directory with any changes at <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/directory-login.a5w> . If you have any questions about how to access the directory or need assistance, email Tara Runyan at directory@crockerschool.org.

Child's Name:	Grade:
Child's Name:	Grade:

Parent/Guardian Name:	Home Phone:
Address:	Mobile Phone:
Email:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Home Phone:
Address (if different from above):	Mobile Phone:
Email:	

Please do not include our information in the printed directory

Please do not include our information in the online directory (secure and password

2013-14 Crocker Highlands Student Directory Permission Form

protected for parents and staff only)

If you have questions, please contact Tara Runyan, Directory Coordinator, at directory@crockerschool.org

If you do not have email or online access for any reason, please contact Joci Kelleher to arrange to receive a printed directory.

For more information about the online directory, you can also visit www.myschoolanywhere.com

A special thank you to our Crocker Circle sponsors for making this directory possible



Crocker Highlands 2014-2015 School Calendar (Dates Subject to Change) Last edit 7/26/14
 PTA Meetings – 2nd Thursday evening of every month at 6:30

AUGUST	JANUARY
19: Kindergarten Roundup 19-22: Registration for Continuing Families 21: PTA General Session	8-9: Tours for Prospective Families 16: Cougar Assembly 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)
23: New Families' Picnic	22: Oratorical Fest
25: First Day of School and Kindergarten Coffee	30: Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL)
25-27: Minimum Days for all students	FEBRUARY
29: Welcome Back Community Coffee – All grades welcome	3-4: Book Fair
SEPTEMBER	13: Cougar Assembly 16: Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL)
1: Labor Day (NO SCHOOL) Lice Check – week of Sept. 8	MARCH
10: Back-to-School Night (Grades K and 5)	California State Writing Test (4 th Grade Only)
11: Minimum Day & Back-to-School Night (1 st -4 th)	5: Living Museum (2 nd and 3 rd Grades Only)
12: Cougar Assembly	13: Cougar Assembly
15-19: Picture Days 18: PTA General Session Spaghetti Feed	25-27: Coloma Trip (4 th Grade Only)
26: Book Swap	31: Cesar Chavez Day (NO SCHOOL)
OCTOBER	APRIL
3: Coffee with the Principal 10: Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL)	2: Science Night Auction
15-17: Alliance Redwoods (5 th Grade only)	6-10: Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
18: Walkathon 21: Shoo the Flu 24: Cougar Assembly	SBAC Starts (Grades 3-5 only) 17: Cougar Assembly
31: Minimum Day and Halloween Parade	MAY
NOVEMBER	1: Sleepover (Grades K-3 only)
6: Math Night	7: Crocker Science Fair
11: Veterans' Day (NO SCHOOL)	8: Disco Bingo (Grades 4-5 only) 15: Cougar Assembly
12-13: Tours for Prospective Families 13-14: Minimum Days for all students 14: Cougar Assembly	Carnival
18: Shoo the Flu Part 2 (kids ages 5-8 only) 20: Tour for Prospective Parents	Instrumental Concert
24-28: Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)	21: Minimum Day & Open House (6:00 – 7:30pm)
DECEMBER	22-25: Memorial Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
1-3: Minimum Days	Spring Concerts
4-5: Tours for Prospective Families	JUNE
7: Craft Fair	2: Volunteer Breakfast (Hosted by Staff)
11-12: Tours for Prospective Families	8-11: Minimum Days

18: Holiday Singalong (students only)	10: Promotion (5 th Grade Only)
19: Kindergarten Breakfast and Minimum Day	11: Last Day of School
22-January 2: Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)	** REPORT CARDS SENT : 12/12/14, 3/13/15, 6/11/15



2014 – 2015 School Calendar

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- In celebration of Independence Day (Schools/offices closed)..... July 4
- ◆ District Day (No school for students)..... August 20
- ◆ Professional Development Day (No school for students)..... August 21
- ◆ Teacher Planning Day (No school for students)..... August 22
- ★ First Day of School for Students..... August 25
- Labor Day (Schools/offices closed) September 1

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- ◆ Professional Development Day (No school for students)..... October 10
- Veteran's Day (Schools/offices closed)..... November 11
- ◆ Thanksgiving Recess (Schools closed) November 24–26
- Thanksgiving Day Holidays (Schools/offices closed)..... November 27–28
- ◆ Winter Recess (Schools closed)..... Dec. 22–Jan. 2
- Schools/offices closed Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1
- Child Development Centers and Offices closed Dec. 22 – Jan. 2

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- New Year's Day Holiday (Schools/offices closed)..... January 1
- Martin L. King, Jr. Day (Schools/offices closed)..... January 19
- ◆ Professional Development Day (No school for students)..... January 30
- Presidents' Day Holiday (Schools/offices closed)..... February 16
- César Chávez Day (Schools/offices closed) March 31

APRIL 2015						
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- ◆ Spring Recess (Schools closed)..... April 6–10
- In Lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday (Schools/offices closed)..... May 22
- Memorial Day Holiday (Schools/offices closed)..... May 25
- ★ Last Day of School for Students..... June 11
- ◆ Teacher Planning Day..... June 12

REPORT CARD PERIODS (Ending Dates):

Individual student progress reports are sent to parents within one week of the following dates:

- Elementary Schools**
 - First report card period..... December 5, 2014
 - Second report card period..... March 6, 2015
 - Third report card period..... June 11, 2015
- Secondary**
 - First report card period..... October 9, 2014
 - Second report card period..... November 21, 2014
 - Third report card period..... January 23, 2015
- Secondary**
 - First report card period..... March 6, 2015
 - Second report card period..... April 24, 2015
 - Third report card period..... June 11, 2015

KEY DATES:

- End of First Semester: Friday, January 23
- Beginning of Second Semester: Monday, January 26

Note: Child Development Centers are open 12 months a year.

The testing calendar is available in September.

CROCKER HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2014-2015 BELL SCHEDULE

**Regular School Day
Minimum Day**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Wednesdays and Additional Scheduled Days**

REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE			KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 1 (Eat 11:25 – 11:45, Recess 11:45 – 12:10)	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE		
8:35	9:50	Instruction		8:35	9:50	Instruction
9:50	10:10	RECESS		9:50	10:10	RECESS
10:10	11:25	Instruction		10:10	11:25	Instruction
11:25	12:10	LUNCH/RECESS		11:25	12:10	LUNCH/RECESS
12:10	1:30	Instruction		12:10	K-1:30	Instruction
1:30	1:45	RECESS			1 st – 1:40	
1:45	K-2:45	Instruction				
	1 st – 3:00					
			GRADES 2 AND 3 (Eat 12:15 – 12:35, Recess 12:35 – 1:00)			
8:40	10:15	Instruction		8:40	10:15	Instruction
10:15	10:30	RECESS		10:15	10:30	RECESS
10:30	12:15	Instruction		10:30	12:15	Instruction
12:15	1:00	LUNCH		12:15	1:00	LUNCH
1:00	1:50	Instruction		1:00	1:40	Instruction
1:50	2:00	RECESS				
2:00	3:00	Instruction				
				GRADES 4 AND 5 (Recess 12:15 – 12:35, Eat 12:35 – 1:00)		
8:40	10:30	Instruction		8:40	10:30	Instruction
10:30	10:50	RECESS		10:30	10:50	RECESS
10:50	12:15	Instruction		10:50	12:15	Instruction
12:15	1:00	LUNCH		12:15	1:00	LUNCH
1:00	3:02	Instruction		1:00	1:45	Instruction

Morning supervision does not begin until 8:30AM
 There is no after school supervision on the playground.
 All students are to be picked up immediately after their instructional day, unless enrolled in an afterschool program.

Communications at Crocker Highlands Elementary School

There is a lot of information that is communicated from the principal, the PTA, and teachers. To avoid feeling too overwhelmed, here are a few tips on communications at Crocker.

Key Resources:

These are your best bets for keeping up to date on critical happenings around school. These should be used for information and communication that is *strictly school-related*.

- School Website (<http://www.crockerschool.org>)

The website contains a frequently-updated calendar (<http://crockerschool.org/about/calendar/>), principal and teachers' web pages, and a school handbook. At the bottom right hand corner of each calendar is a +Google Calendar. Click here to add the Crocker Calendar to your personal Google Calendar. If you would like to post something to the website, it must be approved by the Principal and then sent to the webmaster, Jon Cecchetti or Todd Marshburn (webmaster@crockerschool.org). The documents should be in PDF format.

- Crocker Weekly Bulletin

All key events and messages from the Principal and PTA will be included in the weekly bulletin, which is sent by email every Monday. It also includes information upcoming events and activities. Sign up for email delivery on the Crocker homepage (on the lower right hand side of the home page under "Subscribe.") If you would like to include an item or attachment in the Bulletin, send it to Jennifer London (bulletin@crockerschool.org) by noon on the Thursday before publication.

- School Community E-Mail List

The Crocker Yahoo! group is a great way to receive and send information about the school. Sign up by going to <http://crockerschool.org> and clicking the Yahoo Group icon on the right side of the home page. Group members can send an email to the group by writing an email to crockerhighlands@yahoo.com.

- Crocker Highlands Elementary School Facebook Page

This page is maintained by the PTA and is a place to interact with the Crocker community.

- Crocker Kindergarten Buddies Facebook Page

This is a group set-up for incoming Kindergarten parents new to the Crocker Highlands Elementary School.

Other Resources:

Looking to sell something or learn/share about other community happenings? Try these options!

- Crocker Community Email List

The Crocker Highlands Community Yahoo Group is for the at-large Crocker Community. Please feel free to use this group to post items of interest that are not applicable to the Crocker Highlands School group. All are welcome!

- Crocker Highlands Neighborhood Connection Facebook Group

A group for the residents of Crocker Highlands to share information, post comments or ask for advice.

- Crocker Highlands Treasures Facebook Group

A group for the Crocker Highlands Neighborhood to sell, trade, barter or give away their treasures.

Get Involved at Crocker!

Parent participation at Crocker contributes to all of our children's experiences at school. On Back to School Night you'll hear from your child's teacher about classroom and field trip volunteer opportunities. In addition to that participation, we need **YOU** to help our school in other areas. If you would like to participate in one or more of the following areas, please email president@crockerschool.org.

Before School Traffic Assistance -- This job starts at 8:25 a.m. and ends when school starts at 8:45 a.m. You and your child can guide child(ren) from their family car at the curb to the playground. There will be NO PARKING allowed at the drop off points at Midcrest and Hubert streets. Vests will be provided for you so people will know you are there to help.

Playground and Lunchroom Supervision -- We have two 45-minute lunch/recess periods covering the 6 grades at Crocker. K-1st runs from 11:30-12:15, and 2nd-5th from 12:15-1pm. Each grade spends approximately 20 minutes in the lunchroom and 20 minutes on the yard. Kids need assistance in both the lunchroom and on the playground. Volunteers can work any frequency that suits them – weekly, twice a month, whatever works best for your schedule.

Office Assistance -- The phone needs answering and kids need band-aids and ice packs! Come help out in the office. The busiest/highest need times are the lunch hours -- 11:30-1pm -- and the first hour in the morning. Other shifts are certainly needed and welcome as well.

Library -- Our library is bigger and better than ever, and our fabulous librarian, Lisa Hobbs, can really use some extra parents to help kids foster their love of reading. Volunteers are needed to assist students with book selection, check-outs, and computer lab assistance.

Crocker Auction -- Our annual school auction, which is our largest fundraiser of the year, needs volunteers to help Crocker's enrichment programs thrive and excel. We are currently looking for **two auction co-chairs** to share in the work of planning and implementing our biggest community event each year. Whether you can dedicate a little, or a lot of time, please consider joining the auction team! No idea is too small, and all helping hands are needed. For more information contact auction@crockerschool.org.

Crocker Highlands Elementary School

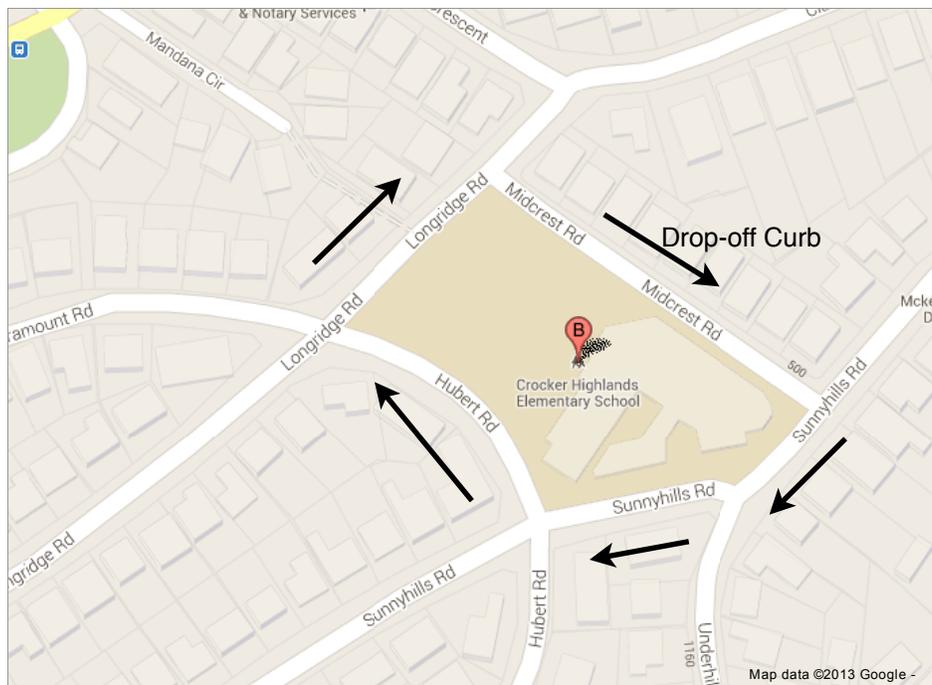
Drop-off and Pick-up Traffic Procedures

In order to lessen the impact of school traffic on our neighbors, and to ensure that all of our students arrive at school safely, Crocker has implemented a traffic procedure system.

Please keep the **passenger side** of your car curbside to the school yard as you drive around the school.

There will be appointed volunteers in traffic vests guiding children from cars to the school yard at drop-off time in the morning starting at 8:30 am and ending when the bell rings.

The curb on Hubert Road is a red zone. **No parking.** The curb on Midcrest Road is a drop-off zone only. **No parking.** If you would like to accompany your child to the school yard, please park on one of the surrounding neighborhood streets not the streets bordering the playground.



Newcomer's Potluck Picnic

Saturday, August 23rd

On behalf of the PTA, welcome to
Crocker Highlands Elementary School!

We want to get to know you better and would also
love to help you get to know each other better, too.
Please come with your entire family for an afternoon
of fun, food, and conversation on the playground!



Place: Crocker School Playground

Date: August 23rd

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please bring a dish to share based on your child's last name:

A-K: Appetizer or Salad

L-R: Main Dish

S-Z: Dessert

The PTA will provide plates, napkins, utensils, and drinks.

Please feel free to bring scooters, bicycles, soccer balls, etc.

We hope to see you there!

Crocker Highlands
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COOPERATION
COMPASSION
COMMUNITY

Frequently Asked Questions

I'd like to volunteer, but how do I find out where and when?

Great! Our school thrives on many wonderful volunteers, and there are positions for all kinds of abilities and schedules. You can ask your teacher(s) directly about volunteering opportunities, or you can come to the PTA meetings, or find a PTA officer who can help steer you toward a volunteer position that you would like.

I'd like to help out on the PTA, but I don't have a lot of free time. Is there anything I can do?

Of course! There are many committees on the PTA that help organize activities and events for the school. We'd love to have all the help we can get, so if you have the will, but not a lot of time, the PTA can place you on a committee where you can work for just a day of an event, or where you can work on a team to organize an event. Many hands make light work, and we love to see new faces!

When are the PTA fundraisers?

The PTA has three major fundraisers during the school year: Annual Giving, Walk-A-Thon, and the School Auction. Annual Giving begins on the first day of the school year, and runs throughout, so you will hear talk of this big fundraiser right away. The Walk-A-Thon will be held October 18th, so kids will have to start getting pledges for that fun event in late September. The school auction will be on April 18th, but planning will start almost as soon as the school year starts, and lots of help will be needed on the auction committees.

Where is lost and found (where lost kid items get stowed)?

The lost and found hallway is located through the doors on the playground next to the water fountains. Please label your child(ren)'s items! Non-labeled items are periodically donated as the lost and found fills up.

When can I talk to my teacher(s)?

Many teachers will tell you during the first week how you may contact them. The teachers here are very dedicated (and busy!), so they spend their pre-school hours prepping for the day. Many prefer that you make an appointment if you have a concern or question that may take thoughtful consideration, but, if you need to simply ask a quick question, most teachers are available after school, and will be on the playground to answer you.

If my child is sick, or has an appointment during school hours, how shall I excuse him or her?

Just call the front office. If possible, please call by 9 am. Depending on the nature of your child's absenteeism, an excuse note may be needed.

Any others questions? Contact Lesley Podesta or Danielle Vidal at president@crockerschool.org.

CROCKER HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Welcome to the After School Programs at Crocker Highlands Elementary School. These programs are coordinated by the PTA and are intended to provide additional learning experiences for students outside of the classroom. New parents are encouraged to visit the school website for all updated information pertaining to the after school programs: <http://crockerschool.org/about/beforeafter-school>. The following are answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) from incoming kindergarten parents regarding our programs.

What is the difference between Adventure Time (AT) and the After School Enrichment Program?

Adventure Time (AT) is an onsite, before-and-after school, day care provider that rents space on the Crocker playground. The After School Enrichment Program offers fee- based classes by independent providers to supplement your child's experiences at the school. These classes take place once school is dismissed.

When does the schedule of programs get posted on your website?

The After School Enrichment Program consists of two semesters (fall/spring) which run anywhere between 8-14 weeks, depending on the program. The fall schedule gets posted to the website during the summer so that parents can plan in advance. However, registration flyers are not available until the first week of school. An email will go out via Crocker Yahoo groups to notify parents when this happens. Similarly, the spring program schedule gets posted prior to winter break with registration flyers available in January when school resumes.

How do I register for classes?

Once posted to the website, individual registration flyers for each program can be downloaded to your computer for completion. The registration period is usually 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the after school classes and payment is handled directly through each provider. Space is limited in most classes so early registration is recommended.

If classes have already begun, can I still register?

If the class has not met maximum enrollment, it is highly likely a program will accept additional students. Please contact the program directly for more information.

My child has indicated that he/she no longer wants to attend the after school class, can we drop out of the program?

Each program will have its own policies regarding cancellations and refunds. Please contact the programs prior to the start of classes if there is any concern. There is no guarantee that you will receive a refund once classes have begun. As a reminder, it is important that there is a level of

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interest from the child for these classes. If this is not the case and you are in need of after school care, AT may be a more suitable option.

How are programs chosen for the school?

Programs are evaluated yearly for interest and quality. Popular programs that tend to fill up with waitlists each semester usually return for the year, with a handful of new programs rotated between the two semesters. It is important to note that the school is at capacity and does not have the flexibility with space as it did prior to the expansion. As a result, there is a limit to the number of classes held each semester. Careful consideration is made to offer a variety of programs for all grades.

Why aren't there more programs for kindergarteners in the fall?

In addition to space constraints, there has been a request by teachers to ease the transition for all kindergarteners by limiting the number of programs in the fall. The first year schedule for many kindergarteners can be overwhelming. There is usually one program offered on the minimum day. A number of new programs for kindergarteners were piloted for the first time last spring and will likely be reintroduced again for the Spring 2015 semester.

How will my kindergartener get to his/her after school program?

Instructors are required to pick up kindergarten students directly from the teacher at dismissal and escort them to the after school class. (All other students grades 1-5 walk directly to the after school classes or meeting locations.) Rosters for each program will be provided to all kindergarten teachers so they are aware of which students will be attending these classes. If your child needs to go to Adventure Time (AT) after the class has ended, after school instructors will walk those students to the AT portal. It is important for you to notify the after school instructor if you know your child is unable to attend a class so that they do not spend time searching for children.

What other after school options are there for my child at Crocker?

There are other off-site after school extended care programs that pick up students at Crocker Highlands Elementary. Please contact afterschool@crockerschool.org for an updated list of programs if interested, or if you have any other questions regarding the after school programs.

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