

August 9, 2017

Welcome Kindergarten Families!

We are looking forward to you and your child becoming part of our wonderful school community.

**The first day of school starts just a little later for your kids, at 8:45, and we will meet in the Multipurpose Room. It is best accessed from Sunnyhills Road.** You are welcome to come in at 8:35, but in order that families with older siblings can send off the “big kids” at their 8:40 bell, we allow kindergarten kids to be ready to go at 8:45. Crocker staff members will meet you down there. Please look for your child’s name tag, which will be color coordinated by their color group.

**Color group lists will be posted outside the main entrance on Friday, August 18 at 5:00 PM.**

We will also post a schedule of the day. Final class assignments will be created Wednesday afternoon (3<sup>rd</sup> day of school) and emailed to families as well as posted outside the school at about 5:00 PM on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The first four days of school (August 21 - 24) for all Crocker students are minimum days,** with kindergarteners being dismissed at 1:30. Please look at the bell schedule included in the email to see dismissal times for the various grade levels. If you, a friend, babysitter, etc. are planning to pick up your child at the end of the day, please meet him or her outside the school building. Students going to Adventure Time will be escorted to the multi-purpose room by one of their staff members.

**Parking:** The morning of August 21 will be crowded at Crocker! If you drive, please plan to park a block or two from the school and walk onto the campus. Other than spots for the disabled, there is no parking available adjacent to the school and limited options across the streets from the school. It is really important that we not block any of our neighbors’ driveways.

**Where to Find Your Child’s Class:** Kindergarten students are meeting in the MPR with their parents/guardians. All others find their lines on the playground. Areas will be clearly marked, with teachers’ names. Students will line up before walking into the building. We ask that you say goodbye to your first through fifth grade students on the playground, rather than walking them into class.

### **What to Bring on the First Day**

Bring a backpack, lunch box with snack, and a water bottle. We recommend labeling backpacks with initials, not full names. Please label lunch boxes and water bottles with first name and last initial. Hot lunches are also available. Don’t worry about bringing any school supplies. Teachers will have what the kids need.

**Welcome Coffee:** On Monday, August 21, right after the kids go with their teachers, we hope you’ll be able to join our PTA leaders at our special Kindergarten Coffee. It’s a great chance to meet some people and hear about how you might get involved at school. We’ll have an all-grades Welcome Coffee on the morning of Thursday, August 24 as well, right after drop off. Feel free to come to one or both!

**Snacks and Lunches:** Because we have students with food allergies, we ask that all students bring their own snacks to school every day, starting with the first day . We respectfully request that you avoid sending food with nuts. Hot lunches are available every day at school. Students getting hot lunch will be walked by an adult to the multi-purpose room to get their lunches.

**Registration & Immunizations:** Please be sure to attend one of our registration events between August 15 and 18, bringing all required documents with you (specific times are on our website's calendar). They are posted on the website and included in this email.

Because your children are new to our school, per California law, you must bring up-to-date immunization records. For additional information about immunizations and the law, go to this website: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

**If you are unable to bring registration paperwork between August 15 and 18, you must bring everything to the school office between 7:30 and 8:30 AM on Monday, August 21.** Otherwise, your child will not be able to attend class.

**Newcomers' Gatherings and Potluck:** We know your children are excited and possibly a little nervous about starting at a new school. Therefore, we encourage you bring something to share and join us at the newcomers' potluck hosted by the PTA on our playground Saturday, August 19 from 11:00 – 1:00 on the school playground. We are so looking forward to meeting you!

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any support in getting ready for the year.

Sincerely,

Joci Kelleher, Principal