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### **Mission Statement**

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September 13th, 2020

Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back to School!

On Tuesday September 9th, Staff stood around welcoming each student and directed them to their classroom. It was a touching and emotional moment for everyone. Teachers haven't seen any students since the school closed on March 16th. I am glad that finally we are to serve our students for in-person instruction. Education is not only about academics, but it is also about developing good social and life skills to be prepared for the future. On September 14th, our TK/K, 4th to 8th, will return back to Sonora Elementary School. We are prepared to welcome them as they are exiting their car. Teachers spent numerous hours preparing their classrooms to be safe and welcoming. Our wonderful cafeteria people are providing tasty breakfast to ensure that our students have the proper nutrition for their mind so that they are ready to learn. With the number of cases declining in Tuolumne County, we are hoping that every parent will bring their child back to school.

### **Please review this carefully.**

- **Arrival at school begins at 7:45** for all of our students. Students may have a 'grab and go' breakfast and report directly to their classroom, TK - 3rd grade starting at 8:05 am and our 4th - 8th grade students starting at 8:15 am.
- For TK through 3rd grade, **school begins at 8:25 a.m.**
- For our 4th through 8th grade, **school begins at 8:30 a.m.**
- Dismissal will be 11:10 a.m. for our TK/K students, 12:00 p.m. for our 1st through 3rd grade students, and 1:15 p.m. for our 4th through 8th grade students.
- Students must be dropped off at the drop-off area in the morning. Parents **will not** be allowed to exit their vehicle and enter our school campus.
- It is going to be vital to the drop-off process that students quickly and safely exit their vehicle to keep the flow of traffic moving. All students will receive a quick temperature check, including their arrival on the bus. Any student with a temperature over 100 degrees will be asked to return to their vehicle or be sent home once we connect with their parent/guardian.
- We will have extra staff to assist all of the students to their classroom. For our primary students, we suggest putting a name tag on your child, with their full name and teacher's name on the tag. You can also have this information written on a piece of paper or note and have your child hold onto this information, so our staff can quickly escort your child to their correct classroom.
- Under the National School Lunch Program, all students will receive free breakfast and lunch now through December 31, 2020. The meals are offered to both virtual and on-campus attendance students. Virtual Independent Study students can pick up meals from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on school days. Students who attend on campus will receive meals on campus.

In addition, we will continue packet pick-up for our teachers and the virtual independent students to pick up packets and drop off completed work. For our parents/students choosing to stay in a virtual independent study program, here are the details important to you:

- For TK/K, the virtual session will be 12:30 - 1:53 and 1st through 3rd grade will be 12:40 - 1:43 pm. Your teacher will connect you with the appropriate links and online resources.
- For 4th through 8th grade, the virtual session will be 1:45 - 2:55 p.m.
- For students to participate in this option, we expect daily connection in these video conferences with their teacher and completion of all work. Attendance will be determined by the video connection participation. This means the student must have a reliable internet service and have the ability to complete most of their work independently.
- Starting the week of September 14th, packet pick-up will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an additional pick up time in the evening on Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm.



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The following is a bell schedule for the 2020-2021 school year:

Grade	Arrival Time	School Starts	Snack Recess	Lunch	Dismissal
TK/Kindergarten	8:05 - 8:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	9:18 Carlon 9:30 Lane/Gorgas 9:42 Bolter 9:55 Munoz	11:00 a.m. (Grab/Go)	11:10 a.m.
1st Grade	8:05 - 8:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	9:35 Meyer 9:47 Iveson 10:00 Helm	11:15 - 11:45 (By Class Cohort)	12:00 p.m.
2nd Grade	8:05 - 8:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	9:15 Strand 9:25 Burroughs 9:35 Aldrich 9:45 Bloom/Chaffee	11:20 - 11:50 (By Class Cohort)	12:00 p.m.
3rd Grade	8:05 - 8:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	9:55 Fournier 10:05 Johnson 10:15 Chapdelaine	11:30 - 12:00 (By Class Cohort)	12:00 p.m.
4th Grade	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:25 Buteau 9:35 Webster 9:45 Rowan	11:45 - 12:15 (By Class Cohort)	1:15 p.m.
5th Grade	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:55 Roberson 10:05 Waelty 10:15 Jannuzzi	12:25 - 12:55 (By Class Cohort)	1:15 p.m.
6th Grade	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:40 Butterfield 9:51 Emerald/Gray 10:02 Katz	12:15 - 12:45 (By Class Cohort)	1:15 p.m.
7th Grade	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:03 Alberto 10:14 Crocker 10:25 Sheffield	12:05 - 12:35 (By Class Cohort)	1:15 p.m.
8th Grade	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 Arthur 10:42 Gray 10:54 McFarland	11:55 - 12:25 (By Class Cohort)	1:15 p.m.

**Safety Precautions:**

- It is very important that if your child is sick, to not have them 'tough it out'. They need to stay home until their symptoms are gone. If your child is taking medication to suppress a fever or have a fever over 100 degrees, they need to stay home and be fever-free for at least 24 hours before they return to school.
- In accordance with CDHP guidelines, **all students in 3rd through 8th grade** and all adult staff will be required to wear a face covering. TK through 2nd grade will be **strongly encouraged** to wear a face covering. The school will provide face masks, as needed. Medical exemptions to not wearing a mask must be submitted to our School Office and will be reviewed.
- Physical/Social distancing will be taught and continuously monitored. In addition, we will incorporate lessons on properly washing hands, limiting contact with eyes, nose and mouth and properly covering cough and sneezes. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and school buildings, with scheduled hand washing and sanitizing in program changes (recess/lunch/etc.) throughout the day. Classrooms will be set up to maximize distancing between staff and students. Guidelines for 6 feet social distancing only applies to adult to student and adult to adult interactions.
- Students will have recess outdoors and recesses will be by class only, to keep the classes together and not mix with others across campus. Lunch schedules will be staggered and classes will either eat outside or in their classroom.
- At this time, there will be no parent/adult volunteers on campus, until further notice. In addition, we ask that parents, during pick-up and drop-off, stay in their vehicle and not enter campus to pick up their child.
- **We are encouraging parents to transport their child to and from school.** Students will be spaced as much as possible and face coverings will be required for all adults and students in 3rd through 8th grade while on the bus. In addition, in appropriate weather conditions, windows will be open to increase ventilation.

Sincerely,

John Baker, Superintendent

Chris Boyles, Principal