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Mission Statement

We believe that the school experience should be safe, positive, and successful, while contributing to the physical, social, and mental well being of the child.

August 10th, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire SES staff, I am very honored and excited to welcome you in starting another year at Sonora Elementary School. Our **first day of school is August 25th**. We strive to provide the best education and service to your child and the families we serve. We love working with our parents and, most importantly our students, to make our school the best it can be. Again, we want to make safety, education and service our main priorities and doing what is best for all of our children.

Important information:

- Our School Office opens on Wednesday, August 11th. It is very important for our school to have your current contact information (mailing address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts). If you would like to make these changes, please do so as soon as possible.
- Beginning of the year packets will be given to students on the first day of school. Please fill out the necessary materials and have your student return these documents to the school.
- Stay connected with SchoolMessenger. Your phone number on file means you will automatically receive voice messages and important reminders from the school. In addition, you may receive text messages by opting into the service. Text 'Y' to short code 68453. Also, another added feature is the school may email you important documents, for example, the monthly newsletter. Make sure our school has your email address on file to receive information through email.
- The health and safety precautions that are in place at this time are masks to be worn inside buildings, masks are not required outdoors and during recesses, and we will continue to provide 3 feet social distance for desks. In addition, we are utilizing the cafeteria this year, but on a slightly modified schedule to allow for some distancing between students at the cafeteria tables. With that said, we want this school year to feel as if we are back to normal, which we are in so many ways, and, at the same time, be responsible with the safety of our students and staff.
- Your student's classroom assignment (TK – 5th) will be posted on the School Office display case at 5:00 pm on Friday, August 20th and will be left hanging in front of the School Office until the first day of school. Schedules for 6th through 8th Grade will be handed out in the gym on Friday, August 20th, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm and on the first day of school.
- On Monday, August 23rd, at 5:30 p.m., we will be hosting a beginning of the year party in the amphitheater, in honor of welcoming our new 1st through 8th grade students. There will be an outdoor BBQ, music, and a tour of the campus.
- On Tuesday, August 24th, at 5:30 p.m., we will be hosting a TK/K student event at Sonora Elementary, where parents can learn about the processes and schedule of the kindergarten day, tour the campus, and see where their classroom is on campus. We will be meeting in the amphitheater.
- It will be a normal start and end to the school day. School begins daily at 8:10 am for TK – 3rd grades and 8:20 for 4th – 8th grades. For the first three days of school, to help with traffic and acclimate the TK/K families to the school, TK/K will begin at 8:45 each day. This will allow you to walk your TK/K student to the classroom and drop them off at the classroom door. Also, for the first three days of school, for the younger students, parents are allowed to enter the campus and walk their student to the classroom and drop off at the door.
- Release time, on regular school days, will be 12:20 for TK/K, 1:55 for 1st-3rd, and 2:45 for 4th-8th.
- Sign-ups for Sonora Elementary Co-Ed Cross Country and Girls Basketball will begin on the first day of school. These activities are for 6th – 8th grade athletes, with practice beginning on Monday, August 30th.
- If your student is a new bus rider, please call and check with our office, beginning August 11th, for the location and time for morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off.
- Reminder, the parking lot will be very congested for the first few days of school, so please drive cautiously and with patience. It will get better as the days pass.
- A great way to be involved in your child's school and make it a great experience for all is to participate in Support Sonora School. SSS does so much for our students and school and we need your help in running our fundraising activities. If you are interested, please let our School Office know.

We encourage each of you to become involved in your school and be a part of this exciting time. I look forward to working with you and your Brilliant Bobcat.

Sincerely,

Chris Boyles, Principal