



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Welcome Back to School!

I heartily welcome all families to school for the 2009 - 2010 School Year! All of the teachers and myself are excited to have the students begin the year. I would like to cordially invite all parents to Back to School night on Wed. September 9th at 7:00 p.m. We will begin in the Large Hall for our community presentation and follow with the teachers' presentations.

Procedure and Schedule Reminders

Student Arrival Procedures

Many thanks to the parent community for respectfully participating in our procedures for student arrival. As a reminder, students should be dropped off at the 23rd Ave. White Passenger Zone and can then walk into the upper yard. Students are also welcome to walk into the school from the 24th Ave. gate. Parents are not allowed to park in the Lower yard unless they are participating in morning volunteer work. Please reserve the parking along the 23rd Ave. fence for the teachers. As always, parents are welcome to join us for Morning Assembly, but must find suitable street parking.

Student Dismissal Procedures

- Kinder - 2nd grade students are to be picked up outside the 24th Ave. door. Parents should find street parking and not double park.
- 3rd grade - 8th grade students are to be picked up at the 23rd Ave. gate. Parents should utilize the white passenger zone on 23rd to pick up their children.
- Multiple siblings are to be picked up at the pick up location of the oldest sibling.

Physical Education Schedule for 2008 - 2009:

<u>Tues/Thurs</u>	<u>Wed/Fri</u>
Kinder	1st grade
2nd grade	7th grade
3rd/4th grade	8th grade
5th grade	

School News...

Playground Use

The Upper Yard is now a "Car Free Zone!" Cars are not allowed in the upper yard during school days until

after 4:00 p.m. Note: If there are sports teams utilizing the upper yard for practice after 4:00 p.m., please find available parking in the lower yard.

Hot Lunch Program

The J & O Hot Lunch Program will begin serving St. Monica School beginning next week! Please refer to the J & O hot lunch calendar and order form which is available in the Main Office.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All Extra-Curricular Activities (including the St. Monica Chinese Language Program) will begin this year at 3:10. After completion of activities, all students are to be picked up at the 23rd Ave. gate.

Independent Contractors Scheduled for 2009-2010:

- Tues: Science Adventures (grades K-6)
- Wed: IES Languages (Spanish, grades K-5)
- Thurs: Keyboard Educators (Piano, grades K-8)
- Friday: S.F. Guitar School (grades 2-8)

Thank You...Thank You...

Summer Improvements to Our School Plant

My thanks to Manuel Moreno, member of our School Marketing Committee and Advisory Board, for painting some of the areas of our school building, including the stairways in the main halls and the library.

Fall Candy & Gift Sale Fundraiser

My thanks to Lindi Barry-Smith for coordinating our Annual Fall candy & Gift Sale Fundraiser this year. Please see the enclosed fliers for complete info. This mandatory participation for families begins Wed. Sept. 2nd. The minimum sale amount per family is \$300.00 or the "buy out" is \$200.00.

Parent Club School Support Committee

A special thanks to co-chairs Michele Duffy and Stephanie Yee for organizing our parents to help the school in needed areas, most especially for assistance in supervising the students' arrival in the morning and

eScrip Preparation

Thank you to Janice Kam, member of our School Finance Committee and Advisory Board, for organizing and promoting our parent involvement in the eScrip program. See the enclosed fliers for information on how to sign up. The St. Monica School registration number is: 137715535. I ask that all families sign up.