



July 18th, 2022

Dear Kennedy Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Kennedy Elementary! We are all excited to have your students back at school on August 11th! To ensure a positive experience for our students, our staff will be working diligently in the coming weeks. We have spent time analyzing student performance data and identifying effective strategies, revising schoolwide systems to improve campus safety and support services, and preparing facilities to receive your students. Our office staff has been busy registering new students and organizing students' records. We want everything just right for our Kennedy Eagles as they return from summer break!

Please read the information below carefully. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about the upcoming school year. Go Eagles!

Campus Updates

In an ongoing effort to improve the safety and security of our students, you'll notice that we now have a much-needed shade structure behind the Kennedy Center, and a new camera system that has been installed throughout campus.

New Staff

Please join me in welcoming the newest member of the Kennedy Team, Alma Ceja! Alma will be serving as an instructional assistant and noon duty aide.

Important Dates Please take note of the following important dates:

- **August 8th, 11:00 - Kindergarten Orientation**
- **August 11th - First Day of School: Welcome Back!**
- **August 11th, 8:45 - TK Orientation**
- **August 15th, 5:30-7:00 - Back to School Night**
- **August 23rd, 3:15pm - School Site Council Meeting #1 (Zoom)**
- **September 5th - Labor Day Holiday: No School**
- **September 6th-9th - 6th Graders at Scicon! (more info coming soon)**
- **September 13th, 3:15 - Title I Parent Meeting (Zoom)**

School Hours

Office Hours - 7:40am-4:00pm

Breakfast (Kinder-6th Grade) - 7:40-8:25am

AM Kindergarten - 8:00-11:20

PM TK - 11:30-2:50

1st-3rd Grade - 8:30-2:10

4th-6th Grade - 8:30-2:55

Early Release - Wednesdays at 2:10 (1st-6th Grades)



Arrival and Dismissal (1st-6th Grades)

- **Arrival**

- All students should enter campus through the front gate. Student dropoff should take place through the front parking lot using the circular drive. Parents should not park in the parking lot for student dropoff.

- **Dismissal**

- Students will be dismissed through the front gate (except Wednesdays). Pickup should take place through the front parking lot using the circular drive.
- Parents should remain in cars and pull up through the circular drive. Parents should not park in the parking lot for student pickup.
- **Wednesdays only** - Dismissal will take place on the West side of the school. Parents should enter the parking lot through Crawford Avenue, and follow signs to the back of the school, where they will meet students at basketball courts.

We look forward to a successful school year for your child at Kennedy Elementary! We'll see you soon!

Sincerely,

Blake T. Benham

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Principal, Kennedy Elementary School