

August 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) parents to Arovista Elementary School! I know I can speak for the entire staff when I state that we are excited you and your child will be embarking on this incredible educational journey with us. This is a very important time in the life of your child. I hope you are ready for a great school year!

For some of you, this is the very first day of school for your family. I know that it is a huge leap of faith as a parent. You are entrusting your precious child to us to guide and educate. This is a role and a responsibility that we take very seriously. Please note that your child will be in expert hands. All Arovista teachers are highly qualified and will have your child's best interest in the forefront of their teaching. Please know this is a partnership and we welcome you on campus. Our staff couldn't possibly educate your child without your participation and cooperation. We will be working together to help your child be the best he or she can be.

I know many of you may have questions and I hope this letter addresses your immediate concerns.

1. Class Lists

Class lists with teacher assignments will be posted on the windows by the cafeteria at 4 p.m. on Monday, August 28th.

2. First Day of School

The first day of TK/Kindergarten is so exciting. It is not uncommon for parents and students to feel a bit anxious. To help with the first day jitters, parents will be invited to come into the classrooms for the first 20-30 minutes of either the AM or PM sessions to meet the teacher and help your child with this transition. After the first day, parents will say their "goodbyes" at the Kindergarten gate if you are walking your child to school.

3. School Hours:

M,T,TH,F	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Morning Kinders/TK 10:20 a.m.-2:10 p.m. Afternoon Kinders/TK
Wednesdays (Early Release)	8:00 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. Morning Kinders/TK 9:50 a.m.-1:25 p.m. Afternoon Kinders/TK

Please note: Early release schedule begins on Wednesday, Sept. 6th. Wednesday, August 30 is a regular day-NOT EARLY RELEASE!)

Students ***are not to arrive on campus before*** 7:45 a.m.

7:45-7:55 ***morning*** Kinders and TKs are dropped off at the Kindergarten gate. Parents, please drop off and attend to your day. Do not use this time to meet with your child's teacher. Teachers have supervision duty at this time or are preparing for class. If you need to contact the teacher, please call or email for an appointment.

7:55 a.m. bell-signals students to line up by their classrooms

8:00 a.m. school starts promptly at 8:00!

11:30 a.m. Dismissal

10:10 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Afternoon Kinder/TK drop-off at the Kinder gate

2:10 p.m. Dismissal

*NOTE: Minimum Days and Special Days-***All students*** will attend the morning session (8:00-11:30 a.m.)

Minimum days this year: Sept. 19, Oct.23-27, May 17, and June 15.

4. Parking Lot and Drop Off:

The bus circle and small parking lot to the left of the entry is off limits to parents dropping off students. It is ***off limits at all times***. This area is for the various bus services ONLY! Our Kindergarten and TK students walk around the sidewalk in this area. Student safety is our number one concern and I'm quite certain it is yours, as well. Please do not drive in the bus circle even if you are late and school has started. Thank you in advance for following this important rule.

5. Back to School Night:

You will want to mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Back to School Night. This is a parent only night designed to inform parents about your student's classroom, requirements, and general information.

The first day of school will be a day that you and your child will always remember. Thank you for joining the Arovista Elementary School community in a partnership dedicated to the education of your child. We are excited about you and your child starting school at Arovista. I look forward to meeting you and your child! Please call me at 714-529-2185 or email me at kvandine@bousd.us if I can assist you in any way!

Sincerely,

Mrs. VanDine
Principal