



HALECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Amber MacDonald, Principal

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Dear Incoming Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Halecrest Elementary School! We would like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your child for the 2023-2024 Kindergarten school year. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of our newest Halecrest Roadrunners. Whether you are sending your first child to Kindergarten or your tenth child, we are keen on developing a partnership with you to provide the highest quality of education for your child. In order to acquaint you with our Kindergarten program, we have planned an orientation for you and your child on the first day of school, Wednesday, July 19th in our multipurpose room (MPR).

School begins for all TK- 6th grade students on Wednesday, July 19th at 8:45am. **However, on Wednesday July 19th, our first day, we ask that Kindergarten children and their parents arrive for a 9:15am Kindergarten Orientation in the MPR.** This allows the campus to settle a little bit before we get started as a group.

Kindergarten Timeline for Wednesday, July 19th (Modified Day)

- 9:15am – Kindergarten children and parents arrive in the MPR for a warm welcome and orientation by Principal MacDonald, the PTA, and our fabulous Kindergarten teachers.
- This will be followed by a trip to your child's classroom. Parents will get the opportunity to see and explore their child's new classroom and the Kinder teachers will give any last bit of information that parents may need.
- At the end of your classroom visit, teachers will walk families out to the B Gate to see the area where Kindergartners dismiss at the end of the day. PTA will be on hand with Halecrest spirit wear as you exit.

Thursday, July 21st (Modified Day)

- To help Kindergartners transition to the long day in Kindergarten, we will have a modified day.
- Arrival will be at 8:15-8:40am as usual with Kinder teachers picking up the Kindergartners on the upper playground at 8:40am.
- Kindergartners will have a reduced day today to help them get used to being at school.
- Dismissal will be at 1:40pm at Gate B.

Friday, July 22nd (Fridays are always an early release day)

- All Fridays across all grade levels is an early release day students.
- Arrival will be at 8:15-8:40am as usual with Kinder teachers picking up the Kindergartners on the lower playground at 8:40am.
- Dismissal will be at 1:40pm at Gate B

Monday, July 24th - Friday July 28th

- Our Superintendent, Dr. Eduardo Reyes, has authorized school to extend their TK and Kindergarten modified days to help our littlest ones get used to the transition to a full day. Therefore, on Monday, July 24th through Thursday, July 27th, Kindergarten will have a modified day with a dismissal at 1:40pm. The school times for Kindergartners this week will be 8:45am-1:40pm on Monday -Thursday. Fridays are always early dismissal at 1:40pm.

We look forward to meeting with everyone, and we wish you a fabulous summer until we meet!

Sincerely,

Ms. MacDonald & the Kindergarten Teachers (Mrs. Capetanakis, Miss Cordova, and Miss Mendoza-Orozco)