



HALECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Amber MacDonald, Principal

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Dear Incoming Transitional Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Halecrest Elementary School! We would like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your child for the 2023-2024 Transitional Kindergarten program. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of our newest Halecrest Roadrunners. Whether you are sending your first child to Transitional 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 Transitional Kindergarten program, we have created the following schedule to welcome and ease your children into their school days.

The First Day of School on Wednesday, July 19th will be a Preview Day/Curriculum Day – Room 201

- We are asking all parents to attend with their children on the first day of school. This day will be a modified schedule.
- Please plan on parking your car and walking to Gate A (the gate closest to our school marquee). There is a banner marking the location on the outer gate. Ms. Esther Miranda (teacher), Mrs. Raquel Lovins (aide) and Ms. MacDonald (principal) will welcome you to the classroom
- We will start at 8:45am promptly with Ms. MacDonald's welcome message and a short message from the Halecrest PTA.
- Ms. Miranda will give families a quick overview of the TK classroom and what you can expect this year. You will be able to explore the room with your child and see what their typical day would include.
- We are roughly estimating that your family will spend about 60-90 minutes in the classroom with us on the first day.
- Unfortunately, at this time we will not have childcare before or after school on these modified days. Please make arrangements if possible.

Thursday, July 20th is a modified day in Room 201

- Transitional Kindergarten is a full day program. However, to help ease the transition to a full day, Thursday, July 21st will be a shortened day with dismissal at 1:40pm.
- Please plan on dropping your child off in the morning by 8:40am for an 8:45 start and picking them up at 1:40pm on Thursday, July 21st
- Your child will go to lunch today. The school lunch is free for all students, or you have the option of sending your child with a lunch. Please make sure all containers and baggies can be easily opened by your child. It does take some time to open all baggies for 24 children. Taking this into consideration when you pack your child's lunch will really be helpful.

Friday, July 21st – Dismissal is always at 1:40pm on Fridays (school wide)

- All schools in CVESD have an early release day for teacher to have professional development. Fridays are Halecrest's early release days.
- Dismissal on all Fridays of the school year is at 1:40pm.

Monday, July 24th through Thursday, July 27th – Modified Day for TKers

- Superintendent, Dr. Eduardo Reyes, has given schools permission to extend modified days for TK and Kindergarten through Thursday, July 27th to help the little ones get used to the longer days. Therefore, we will be following his suggestion, and making Monday through Thursday modified days....8:45-1:40pm. Fridays are always a modified day for all grade levels, so dismissal will be at 1:40pm per usual on Friday, July 28th.

Monday, July 31st

- Starting on Monday, July 31st, Transitional Kindergarten students will begin their full days at school. This means 8:45-3:00pm daily except for Fridays when dismissal is at 1:40pm for the whole school (all year)

We look forward to meeting with everyone this coming week!

Sincerely,

Ms. MacDonald, Principal

Ms. Miranda – Class Teacher

Mrs. Lovins – Class Instructional Aide