August 22, 2014

Dear Oak Grove Kindergarten Families,

Welcome! Kindergarten is an exciting time and a big milestone in your child’s academic career. At Oak Grove Elementary School, students learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes literacy, fosters respect of self and others, and challenges students to succeed. The Kindergarten Team and I are eager to have the opportunity to spend this magical year with your child.

Some important information before school starts:

**Class Lists Posted: August 28 Noon-2:00 p.m.**

**Class Lists will be posted** in the Hall of Fame/Multi-Purpose Room (after 2:00 p.m., lists will be posted outside the Oak Grove Office). The PTA will also have membership and volunteer sign ups, Oak Grove spirit shirts sales, and Step Up to the Plate information.

**Daily Schedule**

Early Bird Kindergarten 7:45 a.m.- 11:38 a.m.

Late Owl Kindergarten 9:15 a.m. - 1:08 p.m.

**ALL Kindergarten (Early Bird and Late Owl) Classes attend Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 11:38 a.m.**

Class assignment times are based according to geographic area. If you indicated on your kindergarten enrollment form that you wished to be placed at a different time, you will be notified when class lists are posted on August 28th.

**First Day of School: Thursday, September 4**

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Early Birds: 7:45 a.m. - 8:58 a.m. **Please meet in the Kindergarten Yard**

Late Birds: 9:15 a.m. - 10:28 a.m. **Please meet in the Kindergarten Yard**

The first day of school for Kindergartners is an extra special day because they attend school with their parents (no siblings please). This provides parents the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and to learn about a variety of school expectations.

**The Second Day of School: Friday, September 7th**

Early Bird Kindergarten 7:45 a.m. -11:38 a.m.

Each morning, our campus officially opens to parents and students at 7:20 a.m. Parents are to wait outside of the blue kindergarten gate and supervise their child(ren) until a kindergarten teacher opens the blue kinder gate at 7:35 a.m. On Fridays, the K classes attend the Friday Morning Flag Ceremony, so students that arrive later than 7:40 a.m. must be walked to the playground area behind the school.
Late Owl Kindergarten 9:15 a.m. to 1:08 p.m. Parents are to walk their children up to the blue kindergarten gate. At 9:15 a.m., a teacher will open the gate and the children will independently enter the playground area. They will walk to their classroom. Parents must supervise their own children in front of the school if they arrive before 9:15 a.m and are to remain outside of the playground area.

**Pick Up**
Please line up along the kindergarten wall (outside the blue gate) with your student sign and wearing your Kindergarten Parent Identification Badge (don’t worry, this will be explained on the first day of school). At 11:35 a.m. (Early Bird) or 1:05 p.m. (Late Owl), the blue kindergarten gate will be opened and parents are to line up by their child’s kindergarten class. Please respect our precious instructional time and do not enter the area earlier.

**The Oak Grove parking lot is reserved for staff members only.** Handicapped parking spaces are available and there are a few spaces next to Acorn Park. Oak Grove has many itinerant staff members so although there may be a space, if it is marked STAFF, please do not park there. You may park above the school on Sanborn (by Acorn Park) or on Wood Canyon Drive. **Most importantly, do not park illegally (in red zones, handicapped parking spaces without a placard, etc.) while on campus. You will be cited by the OC Sheriff’s Department.** Your patience, understanding, and support are appreciated.

**Stay in the Loop**
Please take a few minutes to check our website and be sure to sign up for our listserve (The All-Star Press Release) so you can stay up-to-date with Oak Grove’s news and activities. A link is available on our Oak Grove Webpage:  [http://oges.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com](http://oges.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com)

**Parent Volunteers**
The staff and I encourage parents to be visible and involved in our classrooms by volunteering their time. The CUSD Board of Trustees requires volunteers to adhere to the directives of their Volunteer Policy. Please refer to the Volunteer Application Process on the school district’s website, [www.cusd.ca.schoolloop.com](http://www.cusd.ca.schoolloop.com), for more details. Another wonderful way to be involved in Oak Grove is by joining the PTA; your membership directly impacts your child’s instructional program!

I am looking forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact the Oak Grove Office (949-360-9001) or me jobogle@capousd.org if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

*Jill O’Connell- Bogle*

Principal