



Estancia Elementary

August 2023

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August Dates:

August 7-11: Torrance County Fair

August 7-9: MEET YOUR TEACHER screening, 1st grade

August 14: MEET YOUR TEACHER, 2nd-6th grade, 4:30-6:00 PM, Upper Elementary

August 18: MEET YOUR TEACHER, Kindergarten, 9:00-10:00 AM, Lower Elementary

August 16: First day 1st through 6th grades

August 16-18: Kindergarten screening

August 18: Evacuation drill to County Courthouse, 1:00 PM (subject to change)

August 21: First day PreK, Kindergarten, and Activity Blocks

August 22-23: iStation BOY, Kinder-2nd grades; iMSSA testing, grades 3rd through 6th (subject to change)

Drop Off/Pick Up Changes:

PreK and Siblings are to be dropped off and picked up at the Lower Elementary in front of the playground off of Iverness and 8th. Vehicles will be moved forward by duty person, students are to remain in their vehicle until the duty person meets them at their vehicle door.

****Procedure is outlined in more detail in the Family Handbook found online:**

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Estancia Schools are going electronic!

Our Elementary Family/Student Handbook and newly revised Behavioral Learning Matrix can be found on the school website.

Handbook changes to be aware of:

Change in start time- Our updated start time is 8:35 AM.

Breakfast will be served from 8:20-8:35 AM in the cafeteria.

Drop Off time is 8:20 AM.

Pick Up time is 3:05 PM, PreK- 6th grade.

*Handbook and Behavioral Learning Matrix will be reviewed in the classroom August 16-18.

*Procedures and expectations for common areas and classroom settings will be practiced beginning August 16.



2022-2023 Cover design winner- Wren McMurdo, 5th

Classroom Assignments:

We are in the process of creating class lists. Your child's classroom teacher will make contact with you on Monday, August 14 or Tuesday, August 15.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bell Schedule

Before school care- 7:45 AM
Upper Elementary Library. See Aimee for registration information
First Bell- 8:40 AM
Tardy- 8:45 AM
Lunch- Various Times (see handbook)
Dismissal- 3:05 PM

Activity Blocks

PE- Mrs. Larson
Library- Mrs. Garcia
Music- Mrs. Castillo
Tech/Science Lab- Ms. Morales
Art- Mrs. Griffin

Common Contacts

Lower Elementary- (505)384-2007
Upper Elementary- (505)384-2004
Transportation- (505)705-0512
Nurse- (505)384-2071

Every Student, Every Day!

See the back of this document for the School Advisory Council meeting notes from July 2023.

Elementary School Advisory Committee

07/19/2023

5:30-7:00 PM

Upper Elementary Library

In attendance: Wendy Call, Kaycee Riley, Angela Ferguson, India Encinias, Jennifer Whitaker, Linda Warren, Jennifer Gonzales

- Review proposed EES Family Handbook
Clarification on end of the day needed- Handbook states 3:00 PM, District Calendar states 3:05 PM.
Changes made to handbook- dismissal is 3:05 PM.
Extended School Year (ESY) is available for students with an IEP and only if determined necessary by the IEP team.
Transition Services are discussed during IEP meetings for students transitioning from the 6th to 7th grade, 8th to 9th grade, and graduating students.
Staff correction- Lower Elementary Administrative Assistant.
- Review proposed Behavioral Learning Matrix
No documented concerns with the BLM.
Committee recommends the BLM be printed, distributed by classroom teachers and reviewed with students, and have the “Statement of Conduct and Discipline Expectations...” form signed and kept on file.
- Proposed and Reviewed HMH “Focusing on the Whole Child” lessons. Everyone agreed the slideshows/lessons were age appropriate and what teachers are already doing. Reviewed core competencies- self-management, responsible decision making, relationship skills...
- Review Parent/Student/District Compact and Commitments
Suggested addition under “As a parent, I will...” 7th bullet- add “field trips.”
- Goals for 2023-2024 school year- parent involvement (proposed PTO 5/2023, incentives for attendance, communication needs, SAC members?)
Discussion of PTO was tabled
- Attendance Incentives/Assemblies:
Once a month “treat” for “great attendance” (only one day absent).
Volunteers needed for monthly popcorn/cotton candy 😊.
Quarterly purchases for t-shirts, bikes, electronics (suggested Black Friday for shopping).
Propose semester awards for Honor Roll, Attendance, etc... but held in the evenings. This will be discussed during EES Leadership Meeting on August 2 (staff).
Praise for promotions, performances, and awards for this school year (2022-2023).