



Estancia Elementary

August 2024

Jennifer Gonzales, Principal
Melinda Harvey, Dean of Students

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

Our hallways & classrooms are lonely without you!



August Dates:

August 6-9 : County Fair,

August 6 : First Day of School, 1st-6th grade students, Families- PLEASE feel free to escort your students to their classrooms.

August 9: Campus Evacuation Drill, 9:00 AM,

August 9 : PreK and Kindergarten students MEET YOUR TEACHER 1:30 PM Lower Elementary,

August 12: First Day of School PreK and Kindergarten Students,

August 12-29: Testing/Screening,

August 29: OPEN HOUSE, 1st-6th grades,

August 30: No School Students

Meet Your Teacher and Open House CHANGES:

Meet Your Teacher, PreK and Kindergarten:

PreK and Kindergarten will be hosting a Meet Your Teacher afternoon, Friday, August 9 from 1:30-2:15 PM.

Open House, 1st through 6th graders:

1st through 6th grade students and families will participate in an Open House on Thursday, August 29th, from 5:00-7:00 PM.

****Note 1st through 6th grade students will not have a Meet Your Teacher evening. We look forward to seeing you all here on Tuesday, August 6.**

Classroom Assignments:

Classroom teachers will be making phone calls beginning August 1st to introduce themselves to families and get verbal permission for our walking field trip during our TORRANCE COUNTY FAIR, August 6-9th.

School Advisory Council Members Needed- See the back of this newsletter for more info!

Drop Off-Pick Up Procedures:

* PreK and siblings will continue to be dropped off and picked up at the Lower Elementary (8:15-8:30 AM).

* Kindergarten-6th grade students will be dropped off and picked up in front of the Central Office/Lower Elementary (west-side).

Please note- pick up students will be escorted and loaded five vehicles at a time. Vehicles will be motioned forward, by staff, once the five vehicles are loaded.

Loading of vehicles will begin as soon as ALL students are in their designated pick up line(s) (3:05-3:10 PM).

Bell Schedule

CHANGES:

Breakfast- 8:15-8:30 AM
First Bell- 8:30 AM
Tardy- 8:35 AM
Elementary Dismissal- 3:05 PM
Secondary Dismissal- 3:10 PM

Handbooks

Family Handbooks are reviewed with your child the first week of school.

A digital version of the Family Handbook is found online: www.emsbears.us
Portions of the Family Handbook will be reviewed during our scheduled Open House on Thursday, August 29.

From Mrs. Gonzales

Please never hesitate to relay concerns, offer suggestions or request a meeting.

Ms. Watts has slips in the UE Office to address these needs. Emergencies aside, I will return all phone calls, daily, between 4:00-5:00 PM.

Phone Number:
(505)384-2004

Every Student, Every Day!

Interested in joining the Estancia Elementary School Advisory Committee?

Contact Aimee Watts, UE Office, at (505) 384-2004 for information regarding the application process and the commitment requirements.

“School Advisory Committee:

Each council will meet at least once each quarter during the year, and more often as needed. Any council member who is absent for two consecutive meetings will be removed and an alternate selected. A notice of meeting dates and times must be posted in the school, local Post Office, and at least one business place and advertised at least two days prior to the scheduled meeting. Information about meetings will be disseminated and published in school newsletters, in special announcements sent home to parents prior to each scheduled meeting, and on the school website. Principals will report to the Board at each regularly scheduled meeting, as an agenda item, on the activities of the Council.”

2024-2025 School Advisory Meeting #1, Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:00 PM

Elementary Members Present: Melinda Harvey, India Encinias, Linda Warren, Wendy Call, Angela Ferguson, Jennifer Gonzales, Dr. Sims, Karen Pai

Summary of Notes:

- **Review Compact 2024-2025 found in Family Handbook**

Attendance-

*Medical w/doctor note or activity absences are excused absences

*95% is a “hard percentage” provided by the state; attendance supports the graduation rate and outcomes

Technology-

*Recommendation for families to monitor personal devices

NO changes recommended at this time

- **Review EMSD Board Goals 2024-2025**

Goals used to help guide each school’s (elementary and secondary) 90 Day Plan

4 Goal Areas:

- Proficiency- Reading and Math- grow 5% toward proficiency (classroom teachers, administrations and support staff will define proficiency)
- Graduation- High School- 100% of students will graduate
- Engagement- How to engage the students who are disengaged? (Athletics, FFA, BPA, STEM, Robotics, Chess, Student Council/Leadership, EYDG, Social Workers to support student emotional health)
- Attendance- Maintain 95% or better