

Scenic Elementary

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August 2021

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Scenic Elementary. I hope all of our students and families had a wonderful summer! We have been fortunate to not have many staff members leave us this year. Welcome to our new Scenic staff:
School Psychologist - Katelyn Collins
Kitchen Manager - Serina Atencio
COVID Health Assistant - Debbie Carol
We are currently searching for a new speech therapist.

COVID

I know it has been challenging for some parents to decide if they should send their children back to school face-to-face. I want to reassure you that the staff at Scenic is doing all they can to keep your child safe. We are practicing the five strategies to help keep the virus from spreading. These strategies include cohorting, social distancing, masking, symptom tracking and contact tracing. However, the staff at Scenic can't do this alone. We need parents to develop the habit of filling out the symptom checker every morning before your child comes to school. The other important trait that we are depending on parents for is honesty. It is really important to be honest with yourself and our community when filling out the symptom tracker. Two of my own children have missed the first week of school because a parent was not honest about their child during summer camp. They brought their child to summer camp when they were supposed to be in quarantine because their family had been exposed to a positive case of COVID. Please, be honest when filling out the symptom checker. It is not only your child that we need to be concerned about but also the other children, staff and family members of our Scenic Community. I know the difficulties of having a quarantined child at home, but if your child has been exposed to

someone who has tested positive for COVID, please do not bring them to school. The proverb that it takes a village to raise a child is especially important in our current situation.

August Calendar

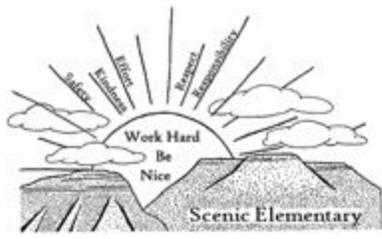
August 24th - PTO Meeting 4:30 - 5:30 PM in Scenic Library
August 28th - T-Shirt Orders Due

PTO

Welcome Back! We have some new faces on our PTO this year. Our PTO President is Alicia Mabrey, Vice President is Marlenes Ballard, Treasurer is Kelsey Teske, and Secretary is Karen DeRose. We are always looking for new members for our School Parent Organization. We are fortunate to have strong parent and family support at our school, however, without our PTO we would not be the great school that we are. Our PTO helps to organize events such as our Walk-a-Thon and our Back-to-School BBQ. The PTO uses the money from these events to help pay for our reading intervention aides and other projects and field trips that make learning at our school fun and exciting. Please join us for the next PTO meeting on Monday, August 24th at 4:30 p.m. in our library.

Snack Donations

Sometimes kids forget to bring snacks from home for their morning or afternoon snack, so if you are able or willing to donate snacks to the office, we would really appreciate it. Please drop them off to Kris or Courtney in the office. Thank you so much!



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Online Registration

If you have not registered your child/children for the 2020-2021 school year, would you please do that sometime this week. This is something that you will need to do through your ParentVue account every year for every child that you have attending school in the district. If you need help with this or have any questions, please contact Kris in the office at 254-6370. Thank you!

Lunch with Parents

We are fortunate to have a large field to not only play in but also to eat in. We are allowing parents to eat lunch with their child/children, but we ask that you check-in at our front office and we will radio your child to meet you to eat under our trees at the top of the hill. Unfortunately, your child can't bring their friends with them to eat with parents. All adults in our building have had their symptoms tracked in our online system, and we can't allow visitors near other people's children without having their symptoms tracked. We are also asking parents to limit the number of times they eat with their child/children to once a week.

Morning Drop Off

Drop off times are as follows:

8:20 am - Only if your child is eating breakfast at school, students go to the cafeteria

8:35 am - Earliest students who are not eating breakfast at school can be dropped off at school, students go to their classrooms

8:50 am - Bell rings/school starts

Thank you for bringing your child/children at the appropriate times listed above. If you are in need of before or after school care, please go to www.extdendedhoursprogram.com for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO GIFTED AND TALENTED

Ever notice a child who seems to go above and beyond? Parents, teachers, and students can refer a child to be identified as gifted and talented. The student will be given a cognitive ability test. Students who test high on CogAT tests need extra support to dive deeper into their learning. That's where I come in. I am the Gifted and Talented teacher. I teach a class called enrichment. The district has a curriculum for each grade. Students are challenged to solve puzzles and think creatively.

Kinder- Convergent vs Divergent thinking.
Visual & Evaluative thinking.

1st - More of the above, plus role-playing detectives, scientists, and inventors.

2nd - More of the above with a big emphasis on analogies, which prepares us to take the CogAT test in October/November.

3rd - Deductive thinking to solve complex problems. Being autonomous learners, doing our own research and investigations.

4th - Learning to serve our community.

Studying different cultures of family, school, city, country.

5th - Choosing self-driven projects at the edge of our competence. Being productive, flexible, and original.

Enrichment classes meet for 40 minutes once or twice per week depending on the needs of the school. Refer any questions or comments you may have to:

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