



HOME OF THE DRAGONS

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Didion Messenger - 8/30/21

Good evening Didion families,

We are so excited to be welcoming our students back to in-person, full day learning on Thursday, September 2nd. Also, don't forget that every Thursday, our students are dismissed early for our staff collaboration time. So, on the first day of school, grades 1-3 are dismissed at 12:52, grades 4-6 are dismissed at 1:12, and grades 7-8 are dismissed at 1:29. Kindergarten is dismissed everyday at 11:45 (click [HERE](#) for the bell schedule). Here are some helpful reminders from the [Welcome Orientation](#), as well as some other updates.

- Just a friendly reminder that **parents and family members are not allowed to be on campus** during morning drop-off, or after school pick-up. Please review the procedures [HERE](#). There are a few exceptions, though:
 - 1 kindergarten parent per child may enter through the main entrance starting at 7:40 to line up with their child. After the kindergarten teachers welcome students into their rooms, kinder parents need to exit through the gate next to the staff parking lot at the end of the primary wing hallway.
 - 1 first grade parent per child may enter through the main entrance at 7:40 to line up with their child for the first SIX days of school. After the first grade teachers pick up their students from their lines, parents will exit back through the main entrance.
 - Kindergarten parents will wait in the grassy area in front of the school for their child's teacher to escort them out.
 - After school each day, 1 first grade parent per child and 1 second grade parent per child may enter through the main entrance and wait behind the cones for their child's teacher to escort them out.

- Our entire staff will be out in full force to welcome students once they enter campus on the first day of school. I know that there is a lot of nervousness, but please know that we will be there to welcome them, make sure they're properly masked, and to make them feel special and safe.

- Please make sure to [screen your child every single day](#) for COVID symptoms and illness. **Do not send them to school if they are experiencing any symptoms, or have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19.** If you have any questions, or need guidance, call the front office to be connected to one of our health aides.

- As I shared in the [Orientation](#), we will have students eating outside as long as the weather permits. If possible, please send your child to school with a towel to sit on. On rainy days or on poor air quality

days, we may need to have students eat indoors. On those days, we will do everything we can to provide as much distancing as possible and to keep students within same-class cohorts.

- We are still in need of volunteers. If you or a family member are vaccinated and interested in volunteering to help in the crosswalk or with morning or recess supervision, please contact Gail in the main office.
- On Friday, September 3rd, we'll have our first Spirit Day! Students should come to school wearing Didion colors -- red and blue -- or wearing Didion gear. Silly wristbands, headbands, and tutus are highly encouraged!
- There will be no school on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

KEEPING EACH OTHER HEALTHY DURING COVID-19

The guidelines below will reduce the risk of spreading illness at school. Guidelines may change over time.



Health Screening

Every Day Before School: Check your child's temperature at home every morning and look for signs of illness. Symptoms include:



Stay Home If:

- Your child has any of the above symptoms, or has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days.
- Your child has been told to isolate or quarantine by your doctor or the health department
- Your child had recent close contact with someone with COVID-19 (other than school contact) - within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes within the last 10 days.

Report your child's absence and symptoms to the school each day.



Face Masks at School

Children should come to school with a cloth freshly washed or clean face masks. Face masks will be available at school if needed. N95 mask available for staff upon request, no fit test required.

Get Vaccinated - find the nearest vaccine availability here at the [CA My Turn website](#)

Get Tested - register & consent for testing [here](#)



Wash Hands

Students should wash hands before leaving home and upon returning home. All students will wash hands often or use hand sanitizer at school.



Follow Cough/Sneeze Hygiene

Teach children to sneeze into a tissue or elbow. Throw tissue away in a waste container. Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Do not touch face.